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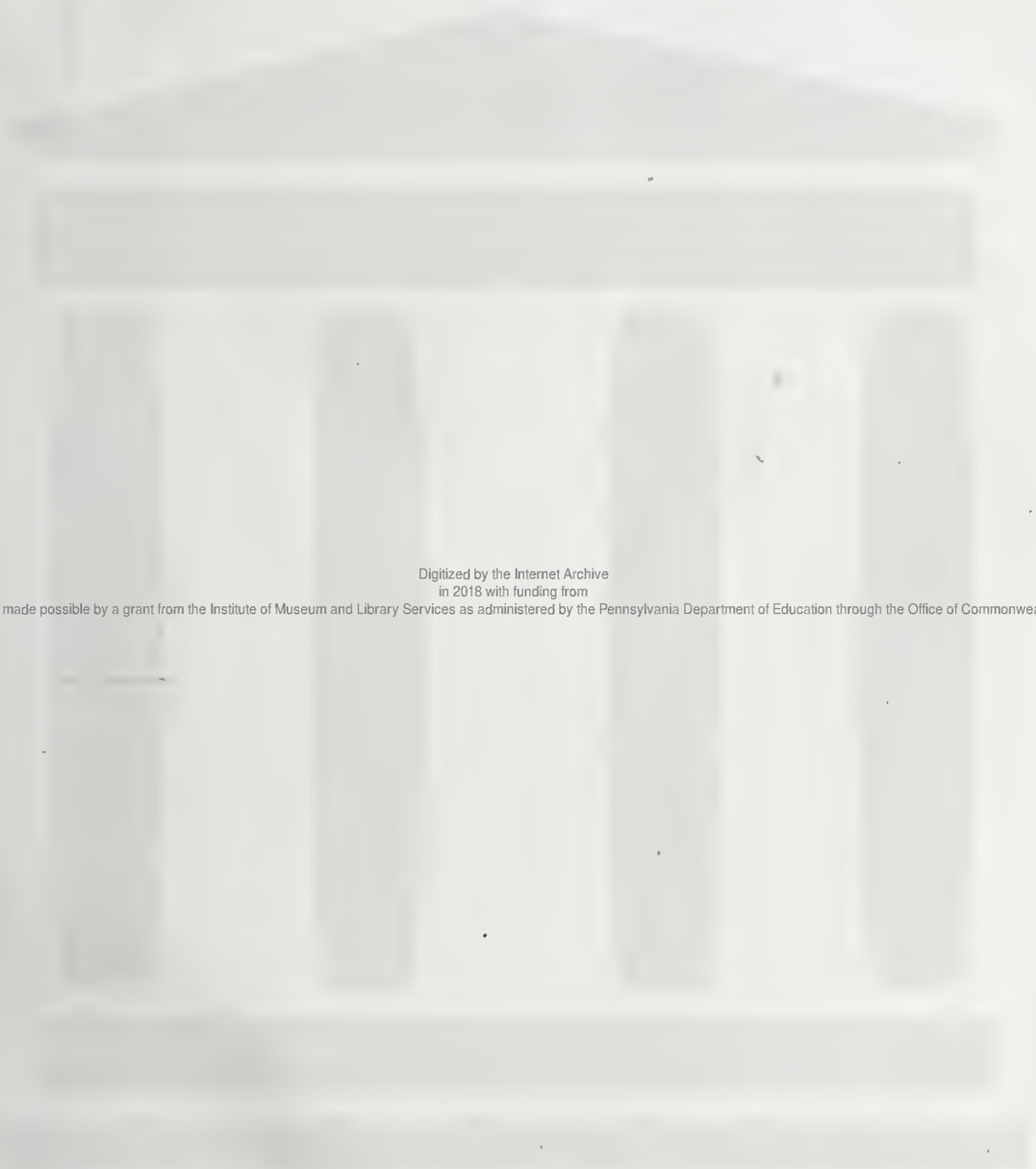

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Lodge

OF THE

UNITED STATES

OF THE

Independent Order Odd-Fellows,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF BALTIMORE, STATE OF MARYLAND,

SEPTEMBER 16, 1872,

TOGETHER WITH A SKETCH OF THE RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

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RECEPTION

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States

AT BALTIMORE.

In accordance with resolutions passed by the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, deputations from the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of the city of Baltimore and its vicinity, together with the Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, met at the Hall on Gay street, on Monday morning, September 16th, for the purpose of escorting the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to its designated place of meeting.

At 9½ o'clock a procession was formed, under the direction of Bro. JOHN M. JONES, Grand Marshal, assisted by Bros. WILLIAM KIRK and T. P. PERINE, Past Grands, as aids, and marched to Barnum's Hotel, the head-quarters of the Grand Lodge of the United States, where that body was formed in order by brother STUART W. CAYCE, Grand Marshal, and from thence proceeded to Odd-Fellows' Hall, on Gay street.

Upon their arrival in the saloon, the R. W. Grand Master of Maryland occupied the chair and the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States the seats assigned them, while the remainder of the room was filled by the brothers and citizens.

Bro. WILLIAM R. CREERY, Grand Master of Maryland, on behalf of the brothers of the jurisdiction, then welcomed the Grand Lodge of the United States in an eloquent and impressive manner;

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ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER W. R. CREERY.

M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States: In view of the fact that you intended to hold your annual session in this city, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at its last communication, resolved to acknowledge that compliment by tendering you an escort to this Hall, so often resonant with the eloquent words that have fallen from lips which were moved by hearts beating in unison with that charity for all men, "that suffereth long and is kind."

It is my pleasant duty to welcome you to this city, the birth-place of American Odd-Fellowship. As Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland I have had many agreeable duties to perform, but none have excited more joyous sensations than the performance of that duty which engages my attention at the present time. You have returned to us in annual session after several years of wandering. The great city of the Pacific coast extended to you an invitation, so full of munificence, that, as brethren of the friendly Order, you could not resist it, and most amply were you compensated. The voice of praise has ascended from every section of the jurisdiction in behalf of noble-hearted California. And Chicago, too, next claims our attention for having drawn you away from the place of your first-love. Beautiful city of the Northwest! With open arms and generous hearts she received you most affectionately. Little did she think, less did you, that in a few days after your friendly leave-taking, those streets, so recently filled with crowds of happy hearts, of joyous ones, who looked with pleasure upon that triumphal march of Odd-Fellows, doing honor to the Grand Lodge of the United States—little, oh how little did they or you think that the same streets should so soon be filled with the ashes of a vast conflagration; that where the voices of joy and glee ascended there would arise the voice of lamentation as loud and deep as the wailing of the great sea. But oh, how the heart of humanity pulsates with delight when we, from this point of contemplation, look back upon what followed after the great fire in Chicago, September, 1871. While the fire was raging, before its fury was mastered, the hearts of men began to be moved within them. That feeling of common brotherhood which manifests itself in times of great calamity was developed with an intensity of action that caused purse-strings to be suddenly loosened, and benefactions in vast quantities were bestowed upon the sufferers in the desolated city of the plains, coming up from East and West and North and South with the same prodigality.

Conspicuous among the first who rushed to the aid of the sorrow-stricken in the burnt city were the Odd-Fellows of this country. True to their teaching, they exhibited a generosity and benevolence commensurate with the demands of the overwhelming disaster that called them forth, thus demonstrating to the world that the heart of an Odd-Fellow pulsates in charitable sympathy with the sufferings of the distressed everywhere.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has honored this city of monuments, our own loved Baltimore, as the place for its forty-eighth annual communication.

I welcome you to this Hall, long since dedicated to those enduring principles which have had their origin in that noble sentiment, "nothing that is human is foreign to me," and out of which we would work a fraternity, a universal fraternity in the family of man.

I welcome you to this Hall, dedicated to those other heaven-born principles, that have borne peace and good will to man wherever they have been carried. They are these: Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.

I welcome you to this Hall, once honored by the presence of the fathers in Odd-Fellowship, once honored by those brethren whose breadth of view and liberality of purpose have done so much to vitalize the power of this institution.

I welcome you to this place, sacred to the memory of some of our own highly esteemed and well-beloved brethren, whose voices in the past "many a time and oft" have fallen on the ear like sweet music. I say sacred to our brethren, not boastingly, but proudly. Our own WILDEY, and WARNER, and MARLEY, and SMITH, and YOUNG, and MATHIOT, and WONDERLY, and ESCAVAILLE, whom you knew but whom we loved, have made this Hall dear to our recollection, and if the spirits of just men made perfect are permitted to take any interest in the affairs of earth with which they were once connected, how many are now looking down from their lofty abodes upon this assembly with emotions inexpressible by human tongue.

The distinguished dead of all ranks, whether from the Grand Lodge of the United States, from our respective State jurisdictions, or from the subordinates under the State jurisdictions, form a catalogue of names worthy of all honor and regard from us, and they would remind us, were it possible for them to do so,

"That our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave."

And if we would rise equal to the demands of the great responsibility upon us we must be

"Up and doing,
With a heart for any fate:
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

In the possession of talent and the exercise of executive ability no legislative assembly in this country can claim superiority over the Grand Lodge of the United States. The annual sessions of this body, through its journal, present successively a code of laws marked by as much wisdom, as large intelligence, and as nice culture as characterize the laws of the nation.

I congratulate you, M. W. Grand Sire, upon your assembling in annual session at this time. The great interests of this vast Order are committed to your hands. The future of Odd-Fellowship, to a great extent, may be cast in the horoscope which shall take shape and come into view from the acts of this session. May the wisdom that is needed, the judgment required, the calm discussion and investigation essential to all judicious legislation, be amply furnished by Him whom we reverentially call the Grand Master of the Universe. May harmony and good will prevail, and as the result of your deliberations, when you have retired to your homes, and the "things done" are conveyed through the journal to your respective State jurisdictions, may the voice of universal commendation rise to greet you from a constituency prospering and continuing to prosper through your instrumentality.

Welcome, then, to Baltimore—most cordially welcome.

The address was warmly applauded, and, after appropriate music, FRED. D. STUART, Most Worthy Grand Sire, responded as follows:

RESPONSE BY GRAND SIRE STUART.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER: In the name of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I thank you for the warm and friendly reception you have given us to-day—especially for the eloquent and touching language of your address. In doing so, permit me to say that no such demonstration, no such outward evidence of respect and good feeling on the part of the brethren you represent, was necessary to convince us that we are welcome to the monumental city. We have, in days gone by, experi-

enced the unbounded hospitality of our brethren of this great city, and remember with grateful hearts the many acts of kindness received at their hands. You have alluded to the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held at San Francisco and Chicago, in highly appropriate and beautiful terms, alike creditable to yourself and to those to whom you so feelingly referred. Especially do we appreciate the noble sentiments you have uttered in relation to the terrible conflagration at Chicago, and the prompt and munificent contributions of the Order at large to the relief of our distressed and needy brethren who suffered by that sad calamity. You are perhaps aware, Most Worthy Grand Master, that within the past twenty-two years the Grand Lodge of the United States has assembled in annual communication seven times at a distance from Baltimore, and while there is not an officer or member of this R. W. G. Body who attended the sessions either at Cincinnati in 1850, at Philadelphia in 1853, at Nashville in 1860, at Boston in 1864, at New York in 1867, at San Francisco in 1869, and at Chicago in 1871, who does not look back to and remember with emotions of inexpressible pleasure the scenes, associations and circumstances connected with these sessions. I venture to say, speaking for myself particularly—having participated in five of them—and for every one of my associates on this occasion, that they come here, to the birth-place of our beloved Order, with feelings of peculiar delight and hearts gladdened with reminiscences of the past which cluster around these sacred walls, decorated with the portraits of some of the most distinguished and eminent men of our institution, whose lives were devoted to the cause of humanity, and whose example it should be our pride to emulate. We have wandered from this centre of Odd-Fellowship, and we may, to serve a good purpose, on some future occasion meet far from Baltimore, but our return to this city and to this Hall, will ever afford the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States the most profound pleasure, the most heartfelt gratification. Here is the Mecca of Odd-Fellowship—here repose the remains of THOMAS WILDEY, the founder of our Order—here the archives—and whatever may be said of the great soul and body of the fraternity, and of the thousands of noble men connected with the institution found in every part of our land, and far away across the waters, here is the fountain of life—here the very heart of our Order. Our duties here are of a highly responsible character; we are to review the past, consider the present, and provide for the future welfare of the vast brotherhood we represent; and in entering upon those duties we are cheered with a knowledge of the fact that we are surrounded by kind friends, that we are among brothers, who, as in times past, have greeted us with a hearty welcome, and whose sympathies we know are with us in our efforts to promote the great interests of our beautiful Order. Again I thank you, Most Worthy Grand Master, in behalf of my associates, for the courteous and fraternal reception you have given us to-day, and I tender you and the Order in Baltimore our most grateful and heartfelt acknowledgments.

After the applause elicited by the eloquent response of the Grand Sire subsided, the brothers of Maryland retired, and the regular session of the Grand Lodge of the United States commenced.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF BALTIMORE, STATE OF MARYLAND,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 16, 1872.

MONDAY, September 16th, 1872—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon the call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from twenty-nine Grand Lodges and twenty-four Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

John R. Tompkins, P. G.	Alabama.
John F. Morse, P. G. M.	California.
Omer O. Kent, P. G.	Colorado.
John W. Smith, P. G. M.	Connecticut.
H. W. Baker, P. G.	Delaware.
Wm. R. McLean, P. G. M.	District of Columbia.
George Damon, P. G. Rep.	Florida.
J. Ward Ellis, P. G. M.	Illinois.
Erie J. Leech, P. G. M.	Iowa.
H. G. McCarty, P. G. M.	Kansas.
J. D. Trapp, P. G. M.	Kentucky.
George Nungesser, P. G. M.	Louisiana.
John Matheson, P. G. Rep.	Lower Pro., B. N. A.
Jas. E. Haseltine, P. G. M.	Maine.
Chas. H. Rawlings, P. G.	Maryland.
E. H. Whitney, P. G. M.	Michigan.
Perry B. Clark, P. G. M.	Minnesota.
David N. Barrows, P. G. M.	Mississippi.
E. Wilkerson, P. G. M.	Missouri.
Jos. H. Gardiner, P. G. M.	New Hampshire.
Dayton B. Whittaker, P. G. M.	New Jersey.
William Madden, P. G. M.	New York.
Henry Lindenberg, P. G.	Ohio.
James Woodyatt, P. G. M.	Ontario.
J. Alex. Simpson, P. G. M.	Pennsylvania.
J. F. Driscol, P. G. M.	Rhode Island.
Hugh Latham, P. G. M.	Virginia.
Cyrus Vance, P. G.	West Virginia.
Hervey F. Hubbard, P. G. M.	Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

W. A. Shields, P. G. Rep.	Alabama.
Daniel McLaren, P. G. P.	California.
Sterne D. Fairchild, P. G. P.	Connecticut.
W. H. Foulk, P. C. P.	Delaware.
John T. Given, P. G. P.	District of Columbia
J. F. Alexander, P. G. M.	Illinois.
James Pierce, P. G. P.	Indiana.
William P. Sharp, P. G. M.	Iowa.
R. A. Randlett, P. G. P.	Kansas.
W. T. Curry, P. G. M.	Kentucky.
A. J. Vandergriff, P. G.	Louisiana.
Henry F. Garey, P. G. M.	Maryland.
Caleb Rand, P. G. M.	Massachusetts.
C. A. Robbe, P. G. P.	Georgia.
J. Fletcher Williams, P. G. M.	Minnesota.
James A. Price, P. G. P.	Missouri.
Benjamin Fletcher, Jr., P. G. P.	New Hampshire.
Israel Harris, P. G. M.	New Jersey.
John H. White, P. G. M.	New York.
Wm. C. Earl, P. G. M.	Ohio.
John W. Stokes, P. G. M.	Pennsylvania.
C. Laney Meyer, P. G. M.	South Carolina.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

P. T. PHILLIPS, P. G. P.....Tennessee.
HENRY CLARK, P. G. M.....Vermont.
JACOB H. ROBINSON, P. G. M.....Virginia.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.

A quorum being present, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, the protector of all that trust in Thee, give ear unto our prayers; hearken to the voice of our calling, for unto Thee do we offer our humble petitions; even now do we look to Thee for Thy blessing. We desire to thank Thee for all the mercies which we have received at Thy hands—and especially for permitting us to assemble once more, as representative brethren of a great family, whose branches extend throughout this and other lands, and whose mission is one of peace and good will. We bless Thy holy name for the continued prosperity of our benevolent Order. Grant that all the members thereof may act in such accordance with its noble principles that suffering humanity may everywhere rejoice. May we be merciful to our fellow-men, as we look for mercy at Thy hands: and forgive others as we hope to be forgiven of Thee. O Lord, we commend to Thy unfailing compassion all the sons and daughters of affliction. In all their troubles do Thou comfort and relieve them according to their necessities. Bless the officers and members of this body, and guide us in all our deliberations for the best interests of the Order. Preserve us from error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice, that our judgment and decision in all things may be free from partiality. Make us faithful to every trust committed to us, and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Heavenly Father, receive with favor these our humble prayers, and to Thy name be the praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire now, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Lodge opened for business.

On motion of Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. SMITH, of Connecticut; RANDLETT, of Kansas; BAKER, of Delaware; SHARP, of Iowa, and WILLIAMS, of Minnesota.

Also, the following Committee on allotment of Seats: Reps. WHITNEY, of Michigan; SPEAR, of Maryland; FOULK, of Delaware; MATHESON, of L. Provinces, and PHILLIPS, of Tennessee.

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following named duly accredited Representatives:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

ALEX. MCKINSTRY, P. G. R.....Alabama.
P. O. HOOPER, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
ALBERT COHEN, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. M.....California.
ALFRED W. PHELPS, P. G. M.....Connecticut.
JOHN F. HAVENNER, P. G. P.....District of Columbia.
GEO. DAMON, P. G. M.....Florida.
JAMES L. GOW, P. G. M.....Georgia.
T. B. NEEDLES, P. G. M.....Illinois.
W. H. DEWOLF, P. G. M.....Indiana.
C. R. CORY, P. G., (vice J. A. WILDMAN, resigned)....Indiana.
W. W. MOORE, P. G. M.....Iowa.
LEVI EMPIE, P. G. M.....Kansas.
M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M.....Kentucky
W. C. WILSON, P. G. M.....Louisiana.
JOHN MATHESON, P. G. R.....Lower Prov. B. N. A.
JOHN GIBSON, P. G. M.....Ontario.
J. W. SARGENT, P. G. M.....Maine.
E. GOVER COX, P. G. M.....Maryland.
A. B. PLIMPTON, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
THOMAS C. PORTER, P. G. M., (vice C. WADLEIGH, resigned).....Massachusetts.
J. L. MILTON, P. G. M.....Mississippi.
ISAAC SIDES, P. G. M.....Michigan.
HENRY C. FUHRMAN, P. G. M.....Minnesota.
W. H. THOMPSON, P. G. M., (vice C. H. MANSUR, resigned).....Missouri.
LOUIS MAGERS, P. G.....Nebraska.
ALF. D. JONES, P. G. M.....Nebraska.
SEATON GALES, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
ORLANDO P. SMART, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
THEO. A. ROSS, P. G. P.....New Jersey.
JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M.....New York.
MARTIN WHITE, P. G. M.....Nevada.
J. C. SMITH, P. G., (vice D. O. ADKISON, resigned)....Nevada.
JOHN W. CARTER, P. G. M.....Ohio.
J. W. WHALLEY, P. G., (vice E. D. TOWL, resigned)..Oregon.
F. G. SCHWATKA, P. G.....Oregon.
R. A. LAMBERTON, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
HERBERT E. DODGE, P. G.....Rhode Island.
ROBERT LEBBY, P. G., (vice WM. THAYER, resigned)..South Carolina.
M. E. WILCOX, P. G. R.....Tennessee.
WILLIARD RICHARDSON, P. G.....Texas.
JOHN T. HARCOURT, P. G., (vice J. C. STAFFORD, resigned).....Texas.
H. R. DYER, P. G., (vice J. H. SIMMONS, deceased).....Vermont.
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, P. D. G. S.....Virginia.
PETER DARNEL, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
SAM. RYAN, JR., P. G. M.....Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

NATHAN PORTER, P. G. R.....California.
CHAS. A. NEWELL, P. G. P.....Connecticut.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

JAMES S. TICKNOR, P. G. P.....Illinois.
T. G. BEHARRELL, P. G. P.....Indiana.
ORLANDO MCCRANEY, P. G. P.....Iowa.
M. S. DOWDEN, P. G. P.....Kentucky.
ORIN B. WHITTEN, P. G. R.....Maine.
ALEX. L. SPEAR, P. G. R.....Maryland.
JAMES M. PRICE, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
GEORGE DEAN, P. G. P., (vice J. H. MCFARLIN, resigned).....Michigan.
DAVID G. PALMER, P. G. P.....Michigan.
WM. H. WOODWARD, P. G. P.....Missouri.
JAMES F. HARTSHORN, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
AARON B. CRANE, P. C. P.....New Jersey.
EDWARD J. HAMILTON, P. G. P.....New York.
CHARLES N. HICKOK, P. G. R.....Pennsylvania.
GEORGE H. OLNEY, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
DAVID Y. PORTIS, P. C. P., (vice M. W. YOUNG, resigned).....Texas.
JOHN W. HUDSON, P. G. P., (vice W. H. LANPHEAR, resigned).....Wisconsin.
LOUIS SILBER, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.
GEORGE EDWARDS, P. G. P.....West Virginia.

Representatives EARL, CARTER, and LINDENBERG assure the committee that they were present at the annual session of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and that JAMES TURNER, P. G. P., was re-elected to represent that jurisdiction in the Grand Lodge of the United States. We also find by the proceedings of that session a record of his election. No certificate has been received.

There appears to be dues remaining unpaid from the following named Grand Bodies: Grand Lodge of Mississippi; Grand Encampment of New Hampshire, and Grand Encampment of Texas.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SMITH,
H. W. BAKER,
WILL. P. SHARP,
R. A. RANDLETT,
J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the evidence referred to in the foregoing report being deemed satisfactory, JAMES TURNER, P. C. P., of Ohio, be admitted to a seat as Representative from the Grand Encampment of Ohio.

Rep. WHITNEY, of Michigan, from the Committee on allotment of Seats, made the following report, and the members were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the allotment of seats, would most respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing, to wit:

Alabama.....17, 18, 19
Arkansas.....1, 2
California.....29, 30, 31, 32
Colorado.....111
Connecticut.....35, 36, 37, 38
Delaware.....114, 115, 116
District of Columbia....99, 100, 101
Florida.....39
Georgia.....10, 11, 12
Illinois.....44, 45, 46, 47
Indiana.....76, 77, 78, 79
Iowa.....83, 84, 85, 86
Kansas.....96, 97, 98
Kentucky.....3, 4, 5, 6
Louisiana.....51, 52, 53
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....127
Maine.....7, 8, 9
Maryland.....57, 58, 59 60
Massachusetts.....25, 26, 27, 28
Michigan.....64, 65, 66, 67
Minnesota.....117, 118, 119
Mississippi.....80, 81, 82
Missouri.....123, 124, 125, 126
Nebraska.....61, 62, 63
New Hampshire.....40, 41, 42, 43
New Jersey.....107, 108, 109, 110
New York.....87, 88, 89, 90
Nevada.....91, 92
North Carolina.....112, 113
Ohio.....68, 69, 70, 71
Ontario.....102, 103, 104
Oregon.....20, 21
Pennsylvania.....72, 73, 74, 75
Rhode Island.....48, 49, 50
South Carolina.....33, 34
Tennessee.....22, 23, 24
Texas.....93, 94, 95
Vermont.....105, 106
Virginia.....54, 55, 56
West Virginia.....120, 121, 122
Wisconsin.....13 14, 15, 16

E. H. WHITNEY,
JOHN MATHESON,
P. T. PHILLIPS.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That members of the Order, properly qualified, may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, on the voucher of one of the representatives of the jurisdiction from which the visitor hails.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That WM. R. CREERY, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, be requested to furnish to this Grand Lodge a copy of his eloquent address of welcome, delivered this morning; and that it, with the reply of the M. W. Grand Sire, be published in the revised Journal.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., take recess for thirty minutes at 12 o'clock M., and adjourn at 3 o'clock P. M.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved to amend by striking out "3 o'clock" and inserting "4 o'clock," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, it was adopted.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand Sire be instructed to confer the Grand Lodge degree upon Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, Deputy Grand Sire, of Prussia, he being duly qualified therefor, and that after the conferring of said degree upon the brother, that he be invited to attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge during the present session.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, called for a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the resolution, as follows:

"That the Deputy Grand Sire be instructed to confer the Grand Lodge degree upon Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia."

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, raised the following point of order:

That this Grand Lodge cannot confer the Grand Lodge degree, or authorize the same to be conferred, at a session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Chair ruled as follows:

There is no law or precedent for this Grand Lodge to confer the Grand Lodge degree upon the floor of this Grand Lodge on any one, it is true; but it is competent for this R. W. Body to direct or authorize the Grand Sire or the Deputy Grand Sire to confer said degree on any brother qualified to receive it, who may not be under the jurisdiction of a Subordinate Grand Body.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"—

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved the previous question, when the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the first branch of the resolution of Rep. PORTER, of California, it was agreed to.

The question now being on the second branch of the resolution, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secret Journal and Books of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire; and that he is hereby instructed to furnish every practicable opportunity to members of this Grand Lodge to acquaint themselves with the work during the present session.

The hour fixed for recess, viz., 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, wher the M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

INTRODUCTION.

REPRESENTATIVES: Grateful to Almighty God that my life has been graciously preserved to meet you again in council, that it is my privilege to share with you in the duties and pleasures of another of our accustomed re-unions, and to mingle my heartfelt congratulations with yours at our continued prosperity, I render, pursuant to law, my second annual report.

It is a source of profound gratification that I am permitted to greet you with the gladsome salutation, that "all is well within our borders," that by the mercy of that good Providence, whose kind favor has been always our chief support, our labors during the past year have been rewarded with an abundant yield, and that unbroken harmony and concord, throughout the entire brotherhood, combine to illustrate as well our fidelity and devotion to our principles as our unwearied energy and zeal for the advancement of the general welfare.

The reports of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Grand Treasurer will present in detail the operations of each of those highly important departments during the past year, from which it will appear that our progress has been steady, solid, and continually upward and onward, the increase in numbers and material resources keeping pace with our greatly extending area of jurisdiction. Especially will it appear that our finances are entirely satisfactory, and that our accumulated supply of stock and general resources never have been in a more gratifying condition. I refer you with pleasure to these reports, which are presented with the accustomed ability of these worthy officers.

In consequence of the legislation of the last session, the statistical items in the reports from the Grand Jurisdictions embrace only the fractional period of time comprised between the 30th June, 1871, and January 1st, 1872, hence the Grand Secretary's report will not enable me to present the aggregate of increase of membership, or of revenue and disbursements for relief during the past year.

FINANCES.

The revenue up to September 3, 1872, from all sources, amounted to	$38,671 07
The expenditures to the same date reached	42,998 27
Excess of expenditures over receipts	$4,327 20

In comparison with the exhibit for the corresponding period of the previous year, the expenditures have been very heavy, growing for the most part out of the largely increased cost of the revised and daily Journals of the last session, and the third edition of the Digest.

The cash balance in the Treasury, September 3, 1872, amounted to	$19,442 84
Estimated further receipts by Grand Secretary	6,500 00
Leaving as the probable available balance to meet the necessary expenses incident to the session	$25,942 84

The meagerness of this sum should admonish the Grand Lodge of the necessity for reasonable economy.

AUSTRALASIA.

The correspondence with this distant part of our jurisdiction has been extremely limited during the past year; yet, enough has been learned from Special Deputy Grand Sire HENRY VINE to assure us of the continued prosperity of our beloved Order in each of the jurisdictions of Australia and New Zealand, of the profound respect the members in that region have for this Right Worthy Body, and of the warm fraternal feeling which they entertain for their brethren on this continent.

Shortly after the session of the Grand Lodge, in September last, I wrote to Special Deputy Grand Sire VINE, informing him of the action of this Right Worthy Body in regard to the age qualification. In a letter from Brother VINE, dated October 24th, 1871, he states that the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in annual session, convened on the 15th of August, 1871, revised and amended its constitution in "such manner as experience had taught was best suited to their requirements." That Right Worthy Body adopted the appellation given to it by the charter issued by this Grand Lodge, to wit: "The Grand Lodge of Australia, I. O. O. F." A recent letter from Special Deputy VINE, dated March 11th, 1872, is full of interesting matter, and well worthy of an attentive perusal. It tells of the pleasure he experienced in communicating the intelligence of the action of this Right Worthy Body, on the subject of age, to the brotherhood in Australasia; of the conditions on which all societies exist in his country; of the exertions each society makes to cope with the others; of the view taken by his countrymen generally as to the character and objects of our Order; of the desire existing among the members of the Order in Australia to be in possession of halls of their own; of their success in obtaining from the government a piece of ground on which to build a hall and asylum, estimated value $3,000, and of their determination to erect a building for Lodge purposes at once.

As soon as possible I forwarded to Special Deputy Grand Sire VINE a copy of the diagrams of the emblems, with the decisions of the Grand Sire approved at the last session, which reached him safely. The correspondence between Brother VINE and myself is appended.

THE ORDER IN EUROPE.

It is a source of inexpressible pleasure to me to be able to report that Odd-Fellowship on that continent is already in a highly prosperous condition. The reports and correspondence from the District Deputy Grand Sires, HUGO WOLLHEIM for Prussia, M. BERNHEIM for Wurttemberg, O. ARNOUX for Saxony, and C. HEINRICH for Switzerland, give abundant evidence of the fact that our relations with our trans-Atlantic brethren are of the most friendly and fraternal character; and that they are fully imbued with the pure and ennobling principles of our institution. The progress, considering all things, has been fully equal to what was expected. At the last session there were five Lodges and one Encampment, now there are eleven Subordinate Lodges, one Degree Lodge, one Rebekah Degree Lodge, and one Encampment, with a flattering prospect of largely increasing the number of Lodges and extending the area of our field of labor.

To Brother HUGO WOLLHEIM, District Deputy for Prussia, much credit is due for his constant watchfulness over the interests of the Order in his jurisdiction; for the valuable time he has given to the cause; for the intelligence he has displayed, and for the heart and soul he has contributed in the execution of the high and important trust confided to him. To Brother BERNHEIM, District Deputy for Wurttemberg, is also due great praise for his untiring efforts in behalf of the institution. To his intelligence and just appreciation of the intrinsic excellencies, and the exalted principles of our

beloved Order, may be attributed the success of his labors within his jurisdiction.

In like terms of commendation I desire to mention the name of O. ARNOUX, District Deputy for Saxony. His correspondence presents a convincing proof of the fact that his heart has been touched, and his soul has been enlisted in the cause of benevolence and love.

A recent letter from C. HEINRICH, District Deputy for Switzerland, gives a very cheering account of the condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, and affords ample evidence that he is devoted to the cause. Letters from ED. ALTENHOFER, Past Grand of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, also show that the Order in Zurich is flourishing, and that the spirit of genuine Odd-Fellowship has been instilled into the souls and warmed the hearts of the brethren. The members of Helvetia Lodge have erected a fine hall of their own, and intend to dedicate it on the 1st of October proximo. I invite your attentive perusal of the letters from Zurich.

As will be seen by the correspondence with some of the District Deputies, the remission of all dues from the Lodges to this Right Worthy Body would be gratefully accepted and highly appreciated. I respectfully recommend such a course.

The correspondence with our European brethren is herewith submitted, as is also a detailed report from D. D. Grand Sire WOLLHEIM, touching the interests of the Order in Europe.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued during the recess, as follows:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Grand Encampment of Nebraska, located at Lincoln.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Park, No. 4, located at Fairplay, Colorado.
Ashland, No. 5, located at Ashland, Nebraska.
Royal, No. 9, located at Batesville, Arkansas.
Rocky Mountain, located at Helena, Montana.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Lima, No. 1, located at Lima, Peru.
Echo, No. 2, located at Fort Randall, Dakota.
Salt Lake, No. 2, located at Salt Lake City, Utah.
Western Star, No. 4, located at Bozeman, Montana.
Vermillion, No. 3, located at Vermillion, Dakota.
St. Lawrence, No. 2, located at Montreal, Province of Quebec.
Teutonia, No. 3, located at Lychen, Prussia.
Templar, No, 4, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Concordia, No. 5, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Humboldt, No. 6, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Donau, No. 2, located at Ulm, Wurttemberg.
Schiller, No. 3, located at Stuttgart, Wurttemberg.

DEGREE LODGES.

Minerva, No. 1, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Einigkeit (Harmony) Rebekah, No. 1, located at Berlin, Prussia.

The Grand Encampment of North Carolina was revived at Raleigh in January last.

D. D. Grand Sire VAREY reports that St Lawrence, No. 2, was instituted at Montreal, August 26th, under the most favorable auspices, and that application will soon be made for a dispensation to open another Lodge in Montreal.

THE ORDER IN PERU.

As the records of this Grand Lodge will show, the highly important duty of managing the details of the institution of a Lodge in Lima, Peru, was confided to Brother LEWIS SOHER, Past Grand Patriarch of California. It affords me great pleasure to report to this Right Worthy Body, that that distinguished brother, with a commendable zeal and earnest devotion to the interests of our Order, after much trouble and voluminous correspondence with brothers in Lima, especially Brother JAMES PASCOE, P. G., and Brother N. HURWITZ, succeeded in accomplishing his mission. Lima Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Lima, Peru, January 3d of this year, by Brother JAMES PASCOE, who was duly authorized to act in the premises by Special Commissioner LEWIS SOHER. On the recommendation of Brother SOHER I appointed Brother JAMES PASCOE, P. G., to act as D. D. Grand Sire for Peru, and at once wrote to him concerning the management of affairs in his jurisdiction. I am gratified to be able to inform you that Lima Lodge is in a healthy condition. On the 9th of July, the latest advices from Lima, the number of members were seventeen. and two propositions before the Lodge, with every prospect of an increase in numerical strength. Brother SOHER writes, dictated to by Brother PASCOE: "With proper modification of our present law (referring to race) the Order will prosper in Peru." I commend this subject to your earnest and attentive consideration.

I take peculiar delight in naming to you our esteemed Brother, LEWIS SOHER, as a faithful, zealous worker in our noble cause, and pronounce him eminently worthy of your commendation.

The correspondence with Brothers SOHER and PASCOE is herewith submitted.

WEST INDIES.

Carrying out the expressed wish of this R. W. Body, and exceedingly anxious myself that our Order should obtain a foothold in the West Indies, with the approval of my colleagues I again addressed a letter to J. A. BIBBY, resident of the Island of Barbadoes, stating that I feared my previous letter had not reached him, and cordially inviting his attention to the subject of introducing the Order into that Island. To my letter dated February 22d, 1872, I received a reply from Mr. BIBBY, dated Barbadoes, March 29, 1872, which explained the cause of his silence and briefly referred to the difficulties in the way of establishing our Order on the Island. To this letter the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in consequence of my absence, immediately responded in an appropriate manner. To this no reply has been received. I herewith present the correspondence, with a remark that I am of the opinion that ere long our beautiful banner will float gracefully on the Island of Barbadoes, and soon thereafter on every Island in the West Indies belonging to Her Majesty the Queen of England.

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.

Since September last I received a communication from a worthy brother of the Order, JAMES HENDERSON, a member of Mt. Royal Lodge, No. 1, Montreal, postmarked Milwaukie, Wis., stating that a number of scarlet members of our Order, residing in the town of Winnipeg, Province of Manitobe, Dominion of Canada, were anxious to have a Lodge instituted in their town, and asking for information relative thereto. To which I replied appropriately, instructing Brother HENDERSON how to proceed to accomplish the object. I have no doubt but that, in a short time, an application will be received from that quarter for a warrant to open a Lodge

I also received a communication from the Grand Master of Texas, R. F. CHRISTIAN, who resides near the Indian Territory, stating that he had received frequent applications from citizens, members of the Order, holding cards, residing in the Indian Territory, for a dispensation to institute a Lodge, or Lodges, and asking for information in regard to the matter. I at once wrote to Brother CHRISTIAN, advising him what to do, and encouraging him in his praiseworthy effort to extend our Order to the Indian Territory. To this letter Brother CHRISTIAN replied immediately, giving me assurance that in a short time an application would be made by a number of intelligent, worthy brothers, to open a Lodge in a flourishing town in the Territory.

At the last session of this R. W. Body I placed a letter from Past Representative R. H. MORRISON, written in England, in the hands of the Committee on Correspondence, expressing the opinion that our Order could be successfully introduced into the British isles, and asking for authority to institute a Lodge, but no action was taken in the premises. Since then I have received letters from two quarters, one of them from a distinguished member of this R. W. Body, on the same subject. My reply was to each, that in view of the inaction of the Grand Lodge heretofore in reference to introducing the Order into England, and especially its failure at the last session to consider the subject, however anxious I might be to bring about such an event, and however desirable the attainment of such a result might be, I had no authority to act. The subject is one of vital importance at this moment, when we are enjoying the pleasurable realization of our successful efforts to establish the Order in other directions, and I respectfully and earnestly submit it for your calm deliberation. The letters referred to accompany this report.

FOREIGN GRAND BODIES.

Charter of—Qualifications for Membership—General Power of such Jurisdictions.

From the District Deputy Grand Sires in Germanic Europe I have information that a formal application will be made at an early period for the organization of one or more Grand Bodies.

The time has arrived, it appears to me, for this Grand Lodge to determine a definite policy concerning the political or governmental status of all foreign jurisdictions, or, in other words, to prescribe in specific terms what shall be the relation of such Grand Bodies to the parent. The subject is highly important, not only in view of the general extent of the Order, as a whole, and its prosperous progress, but likewise in consideration of the advantage, harmony and effective operation of each in its appropriate sphere. The subject resolves itself, in my judgment, into one of two aspects—either each foreign Grand Jurisdiction must be admitted into our union, when qualified, according to our laws, and become members of the Federal Jurisdiction, as in the case of Ontario and the Lower Provinces of British North America, or be set apart as quasi independent sovereignties, as in the case of the Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand, in Australasia. It is very apparent that the former system would be impracticable, from a variety of causes, chiefly from the unwieldly size of the Supreme Grand Body which it would necessitate, from the immense expense which it would involve in assembling the representatives, at any one point, and from the vast field or area of the jurisdiction to be supervised and administered by a single executive head. The latter system, it would seem, is the only one under the circumstances which presents a reasonable solution of the question. It will be recollected that so far back as 1846 the attention of the Grand Lodge was directed to the subject, upon the formal application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada, (page 852, Journal.) On that occasion the following legislation was had:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Canada are hereby united and erected into a distinct sovereignty, by the name and title of 'The Grand Lodge of British North America,' and with power in all matters relating to Odd-Fellowship within British North America, independent of this Grand Lodge, except in the following respects:

"1. That the said, 'The Grand Lodge of British North America,' shall not at any time hereafter in any wise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any other part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practiced within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"2. That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said 'Grand Lodge of British North America' the annual travelling password, to be used within the jurisdiction of the said 'Grand Lodge of British North America,' and both jurisdictions shall use the same travelling password.

"3. The qualification for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said 'Grand Lodge of British North America' shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That a charter in conformity herewith, be prepared and duly authenticated, and its delivery confided to the care of the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary."

Pursuant to this legislation the entire British possessions in North America were organized into a Grand Jurisdiction styled "The Grand Lodge of British North America." By reference to this record, the arguments there adduced in favor of the measure are most elaborately presented, as well by the memorialists as by the distinguished committee by which the legislation had was recommended. The history of this experiment is familiar to this Grand Lodge, and is fully recorded in the Journal. It was a decided failure, owing, as I am informed, by those who were cotemporaneous with the proceedings, to no vice or defect in the system, but to the non-adaptation of the constituency to the form of government introduced; to the general apathy on the part of the prominent officers, and to the absence of that persistent energy of administration which is essential to the success of every new form of government. After a short struggle, with varied fortune, the Grand Body succumbed, and the few Subordinates which survived at once resumed their immediate subordination to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and were ultimately organized into the Grand Lodge of Canada West, and the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of B. N. A. This experience did not, however, deter the Grand Lodge of the United States from venturing again upon the experiment. In 1868, Grand Sire SANDERS issued a charter for the Grand Lodge of Australia, which was formerly instituted on the 22d of February, 1868, of the following tenor, (Journal 4295:)

"That the said 'Grand Lodge of Australia' shall not at any time hereafter in any wise *alter* or *repudiate* any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any part or portion of either the written or unwritten work of the Order, as known and practised within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

"That this Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give to the said 'the Grand Lodge of Australia' the annual travelling password, to be used within the jurisdiction of the said 'the Grand Lodge of Australia,' and both jurisdictions *shall* use the same travelling password.

"That the qualifications for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said the 'Grand Lodge of Australia' shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

At the last session the qualification as to age for membership in this jurisdiction, in New Zealand, and other countries not on this continent, was

left to local legislation, (Journal 5169,) so that it may be said that, to some extent, the Grand Lodge has already established a principle or precedent in this regard. Whilst the charter is very general and plenary and comprehensive, it is restrained by several limitations which have not been productive of salutary results.

The qualifications imposed for membership has been complained of as to color, and that complaint has come up not only from Australia, but from the Sandwich Islands, and from Lima also. This is an appropriate time to adjust this question, in so far as it relates to foreign jurisdictions, and it is respectfully recommended that the charters for all foreign Subordinate Grand Bodies be granted hereafter clear of all qualifications, except that of strict adherence to the ritual and unwritten work, and that of receiving the A. T. P. W. and form of cards from us, and that existing Grand Charters be amended with the assent of the parties holding them to the same effect. I recommend, also, that the translation and printing of the work of the Order into foreign languages, for the use of such jurisdictions, be remitted to them, in order that it may be rendered into their respective tongues under their own immediate supervision. In this connection, also, I approve of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, to be found on page 5207 of Journal, in the following words:—

"Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as follows: Article 1, Section 1, to strike out the words 'of the United States,' and insert 'of America,' so as to make the section read as follows: Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of America of Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

"Also, Article 1, Section 2, to strike out the words 'the United States of,' so that the section shall read as follows: Section 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of this Order; its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under charter in foreign countries."

Without detaining this Grand Lodge by any extended words on this subject, I remark, that since the extension of the Order into foreign countries, there seems to be a consistency and fitness in the adoption of a name and style for the supreme council co-extensive with the area of immediate jurisdiction designed to be occupied by and represented in that Grand Body. Thus, the jurisdictions upon this continent may all be appropriately known and designated under title of the Grand Lodge of America, whilst each foreign government may be correspondingly designated, according to its nationality and geographical area. By this adjustment of jurisdiction, the general tie or covenant of affiliation would be maintained, while all subjects of legislation and governmental regulations, other than those expressly excepted in the charters granted, might be remitted to each sovereignty, as peculiarly its exclusive prerogative.

VISITATIONS.

In conformity with authority given to me in the following resolution, adopted at the last session, viz:

"*Resolved*, Whenever, in the opinion of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, a necessity shall occur for the advancement and welfare of the Order in any portion of this jurisdiction that an official visit should be made, he shall in person, or by deputy, be empowered to render such service, and the expense of the same shall be charged to this Grand Body."

I, immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, commenced the duty thus devolved upon me. By special invitation I proceeded to Kansas, and arrangements having been made to get the brethren together, on the 27th of September I visited Halcyon Lodge, No. 18, at Lawrence; on the 28th, at

the same place, attended a special meeting of Lawrence Lodge, No. 4; on the 29th attended a special meeting of Oread Encampment, No. 4, located at Lawrence; on the following evening visited Eudora Lodge, No. 42, at Eudora, members from Lawrence, No. 4, and Halcyon, No. 18, present. October 2d, visited Olathe Lodge, No. 59, at Olathe, Kansas, specially called at 4 P. M., and in the evening, same day, attended a regular meeting of the Lodge, members of Gardner Lodge, No. 23, Gardner, and Priscilla Lodge, No. 70, Spring Hill, being present; witnessed an initiation, which was very creditable; same evening met with the members of Olathe Encampment, No. 15—a very full attendance. October 3d, attended a mass meeting of the Lodges in Wyandott, Kansas, viz: Teutonia, No. 68, Summonduwot, No. 3, and Forest Lodge, No. 71; attendance very large. Same evening attended a meeting of Wyandott Encampment, No. 9; well attended. October 4th, attended a mass meeting of the Lodges in Leavenworth, Kansas, viz., Germania, No. 9, and Metropolitan, No. 27—a great number of brothers present; later in the evening met with the members of Far West Encampment, No. 1. October 5th, visited Fort Scott Lodge, No. 22, at Fort Scott, members from Osage Mission Lodge, No. 53, present; same evening attended Rising Star Encampment, No. 7. 6th October, 4 P. M., attended a special meeting of Miami Encampment, No. 14, at Paola, Kansas; Patriarchs from Shawnee, and Topeka, present. Same evening visited Paola Lodge, No. 11, at Paola; members from Pleasenton, No. 65, Ottawa, No 24, and La Cygne, No. 66, present, as well as several members belonging to Lodges in Penn. October 7th, attended a meeting of Ottawa Lodge, No. 24, at Ottawa, several Ohio brothers present; later same evening met with the members of Lincoln Encampment, No. 10. October 9th, visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 61, North Lawrence; members of Halcyon, No. 18, present. On the 10th, 11th and 12th October attended the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in annual session at Lawrence; and during the same period was present at the annual session of the Grand Encampment. On the evening of the 10th, visited Lawrence Lodge, No. 4, and participated in an initiation, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge being present. October 11th, visited Halcyon Lodge, No. 18, Lawrence. On the 12th, installed the officers of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

October 12th, by special request, visited Wyandott Lodge, No. 35, Kansas city, Missouri, the Grand Master of the State and a large number of the members of Lincoln Lodge, No. 173, and Kansas City Lodge, No. 237, present; had an initiation, at which I officiated by particular request. 13th October, at 4 P. M., visited Orion Lodge, No. 45, at Jefferson, Missouri. 14th, attended a meeting of St. Louis Lodge, No. 5, St. Louis, Missouri; a very large attendance, members of the other Lodges in St. Louis being present.

October 16th, visited Schiller Lodge, No. 11, Dubuque, Iowa. 17th, attended Julien Lodge, No. 12; same day, and on the 18th, visited the Grand Encampment of Iowa. On the 18th and 19th, present at the session of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was largely attended. Evening of the 18th, attended a mass meeting of all the Lodges in Dubuque, most of the members of the Grand Lodge being present,

November 15th, 16th and 17th, attended the annual session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at Trenton. 15th met with Concordia Lodge, No. 4, at same place. 17th November visited Ararat Encampment, No. 3, Newark, N. J.

November 20th, visited Metropolitan Encampment, No. 5, Indianapolis, Indiana; Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees conferred; large attendance, officers and members of the Grand Encampment being present. Attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which met on the 21st November at Indianapolis, upwards of 800 representatives being present. Also attended the sessions of the Grand Encampment of Indiana, which met at the same time.

January 15, 1872, visited Grand Rapids Lodge, No. 15, Grand Rapids, Michigan; attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of January, at Grand Rapids; on 17th again visited Grand Rapids Lodge; on the 18th attended a session of Grand Rapids Encampment, No. 43, the Grand Patriarch and many of the members of the Grand Encampment present.

April 10th, 11th and 12th, attended the sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Virginia, at Portsmouth.

April 16th, attended New Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, New Albany, Indiana; the Grand Patriarch of the State present; attendance very large; 17th, attended a meeting of Humboldt Lodge, No. 234, New Albany; the Grand Master of the State and the members of New Albany Degree Lodge, No. 1, New Albany Lodge, No. 10, and Hope Lodge, No. 83, being present; 19th, attended a mass meeting of the Lodges at Fort Wayne, Indiana, viz., Fort Wayne Lodge, No. 14, Harmony Lodge, No. 19, and Concordia Lodge, No. 228—attendance large; 20th, visited Summit Encampment, No. 16, Fort Wayne.

April 22d, attended Schiller Lodge, No. 137, (German,) at Sturgis', Michigan; 23d, met with Jacob's Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 9, at same place; and on the 24th attended a regular meeting of Sturgis Prairie Lodge, No. 37; by invitation, members from Dennis, No. 96, White Pigeon, No. 78, Morrison, No. 136, Blackman, No. 117, Schiller, No. 137, Whitney, No. 142, and Star in the West, No. 159, from La Grange, Indiana, being present. Same evening attended a special meeting of Morrison Encampment, No. 41; many visitors from other Encampments present; 25th visited Sturgis Prairie Lodge—opened in the degrees, all of which were conferred; 26th, 2 P. M., participated in the 53d anniversary ceremonies at Union city—largely attended—consisting of a procession and address; same evening attended a mass meeting; present, members of Peninsula Lodge, No. 5, Albion, No. 20, Sturgis Prairie, No. 37, Union City, No. 41, Excelsior, No. 80, Dennis, No. 96, Blackman, No. 117, Morrison, No. 136, Central City, No. 162, and Concord, No. 174; officiated at an initiation by special request. At a later hour met with the members of a Rebekah Degree Lodge composed in part of ladies; still later, met with the members of Star Encampment, No. 51, and Morrison, No. 41; 27th attended a mass meeting of the Order at St. Joseph's, Michigan—largely attended; present, Grand Representative Blackman, Grand Treasurer Morrison, Grand Conductor Servos, Past Grand Conductor Oviatt, and other distinguished brothers and members of Burnett Lodge, No. 119, Paw-Paw, No. 18, Colona, No. 140, Lake, No. 143, Harmonia, No. 144, Oviatt, No. 160, Headley, No. 163, and Tilletson, No. 165.

Same evening met with the members of Paw-wah-ting Encampment, No. 3, Paw-Paw, No. 30, and St. Joseph's, No. 37.

April 29th, 4 P. M., and during the evening, met en masse at Ionia, Michigan, Ionia Lodge, No. 175, Saranac, No. 168, Muir, No. 177, and Capital, No. 45; also, attended a meeting of Relief Encampment, No. 53.

April 30th, at Flint, Michigan, attended Genesee Lodge, No. 24, members of Friendship, No. 174, and Corunna, No. 64; present, in attendance, Grand Master Rankin, Representative Curtis, Past Grand Representative Ingersol, and Grand Conductor Tracy; witnessed an initiation.

May 1st, 2 P. M., at Corunna, met the members of Corunna Lodge, No. 64, Owassa, No. 88, Vernon, No. 99, Rankin, No. 139, and Immanuel, No. 153; afterwards, met the members of Golden Rule Encampment, same place.

May 1st, 10 P. M., at Jackson, Michigan, met the members of Jackson Lodge, No. 4, and Central City, No. 162; later, or rather very early on the 2d of May, met the members of Wildey Encampment, No. 5.

May 2d, 1 P. M., at Petersburg, Michigan, attended a meeting of Patrick Lodge, No. 157, specially called; later, same day, attended a special meeting of Kilwinning Encampment, No. 52.

May 18th, attended a meeting of Friends' Lodge, No. 122, Vandalia, Ill.; later, same day, met with the members of Old Capitol Encampment, No. 10; and still later, met with the members of Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 48.

July 16th, 17th and 18th, by special invitation, attended the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Mississippi, at Meridian. In the evening of the 16th, attended a special meeting of Mount Sinai Encampment, No. 21, and assisted in conferring the Patriarchal Degree; the Grand Patriarch, the Grand Master, and most of the members of the Grand Encampment and Royal Purple members of the Grand Lodge present.

August 2d, at Bedford, Pa., in company with the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, attended a regular session of Bedford Lodge, No. 202, and spent a very happy evening with the members. The Grand Secretary addressed the Lodge, much to the satisfaction of the brothers who were present. At the same place, on the 6th of August, attended a regular session of Peace Branch Encampment, No. 114. Again the Grand Secretary addressed the brethren, cheering them up with his eloquent and instructive words.

On the 7th, at Bedford, Pa., attended a special session of Bedford Lodge, No. 202, called for the purpose of instruction in the work, a very large number of the brethren being present.

On the 13th, accompanied Washington Lodge, No. 6, of the District of Columbia, to Alexandria, Va., and paid a friendly visit to Sarepta Lodge, No. 46; members of Potomac Lodge, No. 38, of Virginia, and a large number of visiting brothers present.

September 3d, visited Metropolis Lodge, No. 17, at Annapolis, Maryland, in company with a number of brothers from the District of Columbia, and had a very pleasant time.

It is proper to remark that, with one or two exceptions, I had the pleasure of exemplifying the work in the presence of every Lodge and Encampment, Grand and Subordinate, I met with during my visitation; indeed it was expected of me; and in every case I deemed it necessary, I carefully explained the manner of conducting an initiation, and the method of conferring the degrees, in both branches of the Order, and in the Degree of Rebekah. In some quarters I discovered many irregularities and palpable innovations, which I endeavored, by words of kindness, to correct, and it affords me heartfelt gratification to be able to say that in every case my counsels were listened to with attention and kindly received.

In my tour through Kansas, Grand Master SHARP and Grand Representative CANNIFF accompanied me, and were present at nearly every visitation. In this State, arrangements had been made for my reception at every point, and mass meetings, formed of Lodges for miles around, were projected. Such was also the case in Michigan, where, weeks before my arrival in the State, preparations were made to give me a hearty welcome. Indeed, I may say with propriety, that wherever I went in the interests of the Order I have been cordially received and most hospitably treated—Lodges and individual members have vied with each other in acts of kindness and considerate attention.

I regret that I have done so little during the past year towards improving the condition of the Order. The preparation of the diagrams of the Emblems of the Order, which duty you assigned to me at the last session, occupied considerable of my time, while my correspondence, not larger than the preceding year, seemed to demand more of my time and attention at home; and besides, a sad affliction in my immediate family, which occurred just at the moment I was about to leave home, prevented me from visiting the Southern States, which I had promised to do, especially North and South Carolina, Florida and Texas, before my term of office expired.

I trust my visits, though few comparatively, have been beneficial to the Order, as they have been pleasant to me. From personal observation, and

from the information I have obtained from reliable sources—North, South, East and West—I can truly say that Odd-Fellowship, everywhere I have been, is in a most prosperous condition. Even Mississippi, which seemed to be under the shadow of a cloud, is now blessed with the bright and genial rays of comparative prosperity; indeed, all doubts of future success in that State are dispelled. So with Virginia, and most of the States south. I am proud to have it in my power to chronicle a great improvement in the work of the Order, in places recently visited, compared with what it was even a year ago, and I would do a great injustice to the brotherhood everywhere, within my observation, if I failed to give them that meed of praise which their appreciation of, and devotion to, the principles of the Order entitle them to, and which should be awarded to all who engage with heart and hand in the noble cause of benevolence and peace.

VISITATIONS BY THE GRAND SIRE.

I cannot too forcibly impress upon your minds the importance of this duty imposed upon the chief executive of the Order. The time has arrived when every effort should be made to secure uniformity in the work, not only so far as relates to the unwritten part, but as to the mode of conducting the ceremonies indicated in the Ritual—Initiatory, Degrees and Encampment. Odd-Fellowship is not to-day what it was a few years ago, nor will it be in the next decade what it is now. When but numerically small, its territory circumscribed, and its membership generally speaking the same language, there seemed to be no real necessity for this Grand Lodge to adopt any other means than that originally employed to transmit the work to the subordinates throughout the land. The times have changed. Our area has extended all over North America; to the Sandwich Islands; to Australia and New Zealand; to Peru, and to Europe; and our membership is now composed of a great variety of nationalities and tongues, and but a few of us are able to communicate, orally, with a large and increasing portion of the brotherhood. Especially is this applicable to our trans-Atlantic possessions, and to South America. A ready and effectual remedy should be applied at once. We must, or should employ a symbolic language, an alphabet of signs and cypher, to accomplish our object, and we are prepared to do so if proper means are adopted. I suggest, in the first place, that the Grand Sire be authorized and directed, as heretofore, to visit North and South, East and West, whenever he may deem it for the best interests of the Order. In addition to this, and for the more full and effectual accomplishment of this important object, uniformity, I recommend that competent brothers be appointed or elected by this R. W. Body to act as Grand Instructors, whose duty it shall be to visit, in turn, all the State Grand Bodies, and instruct them and their local instructors in the details of the work; to visit Subordinate Lodges and Encampments when and wherever they can, especially in those jurisdictions where there are no instructors by authority of the State or Territory. That a brother be specially commissioned to visit Europe and carefully communicate the unwritten work to each of the Deputies, and, if possible, to each of the Lodges and Encampments, taking care to fully and explicitly explain the manner of initiating a candidate and of conferring the degrees in each branch of the Order. I am of the opinion that the same course should be pursued in regard to Australasia, being convinced that our brethren in Australia and New Zealand are not familiar with the details of our work. Indeed, it is preposterous to think that they are so, in view of the fact that our Special Commissioner to that distant land, and who consummated the union of the two Orders, was only with them a few months.

The important duty of establishing strict uniformity, wherever our banner has been unfurled, accomplished the strongest and most enduring bond of union between the Order at home and abroad, will be thoroughly secured,

and a confidence in the stability, universality, and practical usefulness of the institution will be established in the minds of all who are, or may be, connected with it. I must be permitted to say that, in my opinion, whatever the claims of Odd-Fellowship upon the sympathies, the interests, and, indeed, the welfare of our fellow men, in consequence of its benevolent character and paramount high moral teachings, which no one appreciates and values more thoroughly and more heartily than I do, we need not expect to make it universal—managed and controlled by one central head—unless care is taken to fully educate each and every nationality and tongue in the signs, symbols, &c., of the Order.

The Grand Master of Australia, deeply impressed with the importance, nay, the absolute necessity of perfect unity in this respect, as a means, perhaps the only one, of preserving intact the alliance which has been formed between the Order on this continent and his people, urges a speedy effort to secure uniformity in the work, and a more thorough understanding as to the mode of conducting the business of a Lodge.

In furtherance of this object, I suggest that this R. W. Body recommend to State Jurisdictions to appoint or elect instructors, as in the case of Massachusetts and California.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

I take great pleasure in commending to your favorable notice the able and efficient corps of District Deputy Grand Sires who have served during the past year. All have performed their duty promptly and intelligently, and some of them have excelled in the noble work in which they are engaged.

The introduction of the Order into Europe made it necessary to appoint District Deputies to look after and supervise the affairs of the institution in that distant land. And it is gratifying to be able to report that, in the selection of brothers, who were recommended by Brother MORSE to act as Deputies, the Order in Europe has been extremely fortunate.

DECISIONS.

During the recess a great many questions have been submitted to me in reference to the laws of the Order, and in regard to the written and unwritten work, as well as the usages of the Order, most of them easily answered by reference to the Digest or to the Secret Record. The following I submit for your review:

1. In a case where the State law provides that when a vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment without result in favor of either, the Noble Grand shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and if need be, go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be affixed. I have ruled that such law being in conflict with the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which expressly provides otherwise, is of no force or effect, and that a vote of the Lodge refusing to affix a penalty of expulsion is final, subject only to appeal.

2. The Grand Lodge of the United States has not said how many black balls shall reject a candidate, except so far as applies to Subordinate Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction—that says, three black balls rejects, &c. Digest, secs. 127, 138.

3. There is no law compelling a Lodge to give a brother his degrees, no matter how good he may stand on the books of the Lodge; he must go through the ballot-box, be balloted for, and it is for the voters to decide whether he shall advance or not, and no one under our present system can question their right to reject or refuse to confer the degrees on any brother.

4. When an application is made for membership, it becomes at once the property of the Lodge. As to withdrawing said application, the word *may*

is made use of (Digest, sec. 1130) to show that the Lodge has control over the matter, and having control, *may* refuse to allow the application to be withdrawn. The parties who present the application *may*, and indeed are, the proper persons to ask for the withdrawal of an application for membership. They make their wish known to the Lodge, officially, before the report of the committee is presented, and the permission to withdraw the application is granted by a vote of the Lodge; of course any one can object, but if a majority say the application *may* be withdrawn that ends it.

5. The laws of the Order contemplate the payment of benefits to all members in good standing, (Digest, secs. 152, 154;) but said laws also leave it with State authorities, or, if *they* do not act, with subordinates, to prescribe when the benefits are to be given. For instance, a State Grand Body may say that no brother shall be entitled to receive benefits until he shall have attained the Scarlet Degree; and it *may* say, too, that card members shall not be entitled to benefits until they shall have been members for six months or more after depositing; or a State Grand Body may enact a law to the effect that card members shall be entitled to benefits at once, and that initiates shall be entitled to benefits from the night of initiation.

6. When State Grand Officers grant cards under the general law, the brother receiving the card is entitled to the A. T. P. W., and a Noble Grand must communicate the same to the brother on his presenting a certificate from the Grand Secretary who issued the same, requesting the word to be given.

7. Application should be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, or to the officers of that R. W. Body, for a warrant or dispensation to open a Lodge in the Territory of Utah, or in any State or Territory where there is no Grand Lodge, notwithstanding existing Lodges in said States or Territories may be under the temporary supervision of a neighboring or contiguous jurisdiction, as is the case with Utah.

8. As the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (Digest, 1336, 1337,) says: "That to be in possession of the degree of Rebekah is a necessary qualification for office in all Lodges which have received it," all the officers must be in possession of it. The Warden, Outside Guardian, and other appointed officers of a Subordinate Lodge, are as much officers of the Lodge as the Noble Grand and Vice Grand are, though of a different grade.

9. Any brother of the Order suspended *indefinitely* for cause, no matter when, should, under the existing general law, (Digest, secs. 1782, 1783,) be at once reinstated or restored to membership.

10. A Subordinate Lodge does not relinquish its prerogative (an inherent right) to confer the degrees on its own members. Either of the five degrees, or the degree of Rebekah, by agreeing that a Degree Lodge shall be instituted. (Digest, 513.)

11. No officer, nor of course member, can enter or retire from an Encampment when open and working as such, without the proper sign, &c., (addressing the chairs,) except the Junior Warden in charge of a candidate. (*Secret Journal.*)

12. No Subordinate Lodge can reinstate an expelled member of its own motion. The consent of the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge is subordinate, or of the Grand Master, by its authority, is absolutely necessary to authorize the restoration. (Digest, 861.)

13. If there is no local law prescribing what vote is necessary to reinstate an expelled member, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, the same vote which expelled from ought to be had to restore to membership.

14. It requires ten (10) members to form or make a quorum in a regular Rebekah Degree Lodge. (Digest, clause 509, sec. 4.)

15. On an appeal to me from the decision of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, who, in view of the existence of a clause in the by-laws of Oriental Lodge, No. 10, of that jurisdiction, as follows: "If a brother dies within less than seven days after being taken sick, the sick benefit for one

week shall be added to the funeral benefit," decided that the whole intent and purpose of the clause referred to was to meet just such cases—that is, sudden death, and that the one week's benefit should be added to the funeral benefit. I concurred in the opinion of the Grand Master, and so ruled.

The question having arisen in the Grand Lodge of Michigan, whether a certificate granted by a Subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction of Minnesota, setting forth, under seal of the Lodge, and attest of the officers thereof, that a brother had passed the chairs of said Lodge, and was entitled to the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees, could be received and accepted as evidence of his being so entitled, he presenting to the Grand Lodge of Michigan said certificate and a certificate from a Lodge in Michigan—which he joined sometime before by card, properly authenticated, as a Past Grand—stating that he had been elected to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

Representative J. S. CURTIS submitted the following:

Whereas the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan has decided that the certificate in due form issued by Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota, certifying that GEO. LAIDLEY, Past Grand, named therein, was entitled to receive the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees, was not sufficient evidence under the law to justify this Grand Lodge in conferring said degrees; therefore

Resolved, That the consent of this Grand Lodge, at his request, be given to Representative J. S. CURTIS to refer the question to the M. W. Grand Sire.

Being present, in response, I said, I am of the opinion that the certificate presented to the Grand Lodge of Michigan by Brother GEO. LAIDLEY, the duly authenticated representative to the said Grand Lodge from Saginaw Lodge, No. 42, setting forth that he (Brother LAIDLEY) is entitled to the Past Official Degrees, said certificate being under the seal of Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, belonging to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and attested by the officers of said Lodge, *is sufficient evidence under the general law* of the fact that said Brother LAIDLEY has passed the chairs in a Subordinate Lodge, and is entitled to receive the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees.

The following inquiries were propounded to me:

1. Can an Encampment, under any circumstances, confer a degree on the same night that the application for the degree is made?

2. Does an appeal from the action of an Encampment suspend all proceedings in reference to the subject under consideration until the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch or the Right Worthy Grand Encampment is had?

3. If question number 2 is answered in the affirmative, what disposition must be made of the nomination of a candidate for office when the eligibility of the candidate is called in question and the matter is appealed to the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch or the Right Worthy Grand Encampment?

4. What is the duty of a D. D. Grand Patriarch when an Encampment is about to confer a degree in violation of law, or do any other unlawful act, after having been notified by him of the illegality of the proposed action?

5. Can a D. D. Grand Patriarch, who is a member of an Encampment, declare an act of an Encampment void when his knowledge of such act is obtained by reason of his presence in the Encampment as a member of the same, and when the Encampment has not requested his official opinion?

6. Can a Chief Patriarch, who has declared a pending motion illegal, and whose decision has been reversed on an appeal by the Encampment, refuse to put the motion and vacate the chair?

Also, is it according to parliamentary usage to make a motion to establish a negative of a proposition and the affirmative of another, or, in other words, to move to reject a proposition and adopt or substitute another?

To which I replied:

1. That the subject is left for local legislation.

2. As a general rule, when an appeal is taken from the action of a Lodge or Encampment, all proceedings in reference to the matter are suspended; but not in the particular case you refer to, (question 3.) The installation must go on. (See proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, pp. 2468 and 2501.)

4. The duties of D. D. Grand Patriarchs or D. D. Grand Masters are, or should be, defined in the local law, (or commission,) and they cannot go beyond said law. They are required to report persistent violations to the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch.

5. District Deputies may improperly declare certain acts of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments null and void, but that does not make them so; as before said, they must report all violations. Of course they may, with propriety, point out errors, and call attention to violations of law, but that is all.

6. *No*—see second decision of the Grand Sire last session.

Lastly—*No*—such a motion is unparliamentary and unknown in our legislation.

On the 8th of September, 1871, in reply to an inquiry from the Grand Master of Missouri, substantially as follows: "What is the status of members of a suspended subordinate, from any cause, (who at the time of such suspension were in good standing,) upon the restoration of its charter and its resumption of work?" I replied that those who applied for and obtained the return of charter and authority to resume work are, as a matter of course, at once restored. The rest of the members in good standing acquire, by virtue of the revival of the subordinate, certain rights and privileges. The question is, what is the extent of these rights and privileges? They unquestionably, in so far as the mere suspension of membership was inseparable from the suspended condition of the Lodge, have the same right to unite in the application for restoration of charter as those who do apply, and having failed to do so, they do not thereby superadd any further disability to their position. They are, therefore, entitled to be readmitted to membership, or rather to resume membership upon payment of all arrears against them at the time of the suspension of the Lodge, and such other dues as may have accrued since they were notified of its resumption of work, unless special causes exist to the contrary. Whilst the right of the member to readmission is undoubted, yet it must be taken in this instance, as in all others, to be subject to the inherent right of the Lodge of self-protection, which is the paramount law where such issue is involved. Many reasons may be imagined why all the members should not necessarily be readmitted. Perhaps in the case reported, page 1477, Journal, from Illinois, the very cause of the surrender of charter was to get rid of obnoxious members, whose presence and membership destroyed the harmony and prosperity of the Lodge, and if, necessarily, such members could be admitted without challenge, upon the restoration of the charter, the real object would be defeated. I decide that all the members of Chillicothe Lodge who were in good standing at the time the Lodge ceased to work, or when it became suspended, are entitled to readmission upon payment of the proper dues chargeable, if no *special cause* otherwise exists, of which the Lodge is to be the judge; and that the proper dues are the amount, if any, appearing on the books at the time of surrender of charter, or ceasing to work, and such other dues as may have accrued since the member's knowledge of restoration.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION AT YANKTON, DAKOTA.

On the 27th of June last, I received a communication from the officers of Dakota Lodge, No. 1, located at Yankton, Dakota Territory, asking permission to have a public installation of the officers of said Lodge, and on

the next day a letter from D. D. Grand Sire, T. J. KINKAID, urging the same. Although there is no special law authorizing the Grand Sire to grant such permission, I concluded that, by implication, he might, with propriety, exercise that authority—section 944 of the Digest conferring the authority on State Grand Bodies to do so. And therefore, by telegraph, on the 30th of June, I gave the permission asked, the D. D. Grand Sire being required to officiate. I submit my action for your approval.

STATUS OF AN OFFICER UNDER CHARGES.

At the last session several of the decisions of the Grand Sire were reversed, among others, the following: "When an officer is under charges, his functions as such cease until the question of his guilt or innocence has been determined." (Journal, 4992.) It has been well said, "that a constituency is not more concerned in the character of the laws, to which they are subject, than in their stability, consistency and uniformity." Without any personal feeling whatever on the subject, although my opinions remain unchanged as to the correctness of those decisions, and entirely acquiescent in the legislation had in the premises as a matter past and determined, I should not have troubled the Grand Lodge with a reconsideration of this question but for the fact that the opinion of the committee on the judiciary, which the Grand Lodge approved, is in direct conflict with the organic law. By reference to the constitution, article 11, section 2, it will be seen that the principle is clearly laid down in conformity with the decision of the Grand Sire, as follows: "That during the trial of an impeachment, the officer or member under impeachment shall be debarred the exercise of his office or the privilege of his membership, but may be heard in his own defence." Such is evidently our law, however it may not prevail outside. The reason assigned by the committee otherwise, it seems to me, is founded in error, viz., that to suspend the functions of an officer under charge "is subversive of that well known principle, that a man is presumed to be innocent until he is proved guilty." This well known and, I may add, highly cherished principle, in all civilized communities, has no application whatever to the case, since the temporary suspension of an officer from his official functions does not, in the slightest degree, involve the question of his guilt or innocence of the charge against him.

ONE BALLOT AND ONE RECONSIDERATION.

It has been suggested that section 139, Digest, relating to ballots and reconsideration, is of doubtful construction. The ground is taken that a ballot is not complete until its results are declared by the Noble Grand. And, if by authority of a State law, the first vote had is not decisive, the Lodge may vote again until a decision, in conformity with said law, is had and declared; and such is held to be but one continuous ballot, and consistent with the 139th section of the Digest. The suggestion appearing t me to have weight, I respectfully refer it to to your consideration. The determination of the question is important, as it involves the subordinate law on the subject in many jurisdictions.

SUBORDINATES, WHERE NO GRAND BODIES, TRANSFERRED TO CONTIGUOUS JURISDICTIONS—EXTENT AND CHARACTER OF SUCH JURISDICTION.

Letters have been received during the recess from the Sandwich Islands, from Oregon, Utah and California, inviting my attention to the proper relation of subordinates transferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the jurisdiction of contiguous Grand Bodies. It appears that under the

theory that such transfer was absolute, some State Grand Bodies have presumed to abrogate or supercede the original charters issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to substitute State charters to such subordinates; others have assumed jurisdiction over the entire contiguous State or Territory, and have chartered Lodges or Encampments therein. The Grand Sire has replied that such procedure was, in his opinion, an entire misconception of the design of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises; that the original charter under which such subordinate was organized was its lawful warrant to work, and that a warrant issued by a State Grand Body, as a substitute therefor, or in lieu of it, was wholly unauthorized and invalid. That no State Grand Body has power to issue a charter for, or to establish a subordinate, outside of its territorial limits. In my view, such transfer of jurisdiction, growing out of the remoteness of the subordinate from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the difficulty of intercommunication with the Grand Corresponding Secretary, was designed only to be temporary in its duration, exceedingly limited in its extent, and was subject to reclamation by the parent Grand Body whenever the welfare of the subordinate might require it, or there should be a sufficient number of them in the State or Territory to authorize the formation of a Grand Body.

The principle upon which the opinion here expressed has been formed, is laid down in the report of the Committee on Petitions, p. 4932 of Journal, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

In his report last session, the Corresponding and Recording Secretary ably refers to the subject and recommends action thereon. He says, p. 5065 of Journal:

"In this connection I beg to suggest that the Grand Lodge would define by law the extent of the powers designed to be conferred upon State Grand Lodges over subordinates outside their territorial limits, which have been placed under their jurisdiction, and that all jurisdictions holding such subordinates in charge should be required to report specially in reference to their condition and progress. The first suggestion is made for the reason that an opinion prevails that such relation is designed to be permanent, and has the effect to incorporate or merge them into the contiguous Grand Jurisdictions to which they are respectively assigned or transferred, and that new charters should be issued to them by such jurisdictions in conformity to such idea. This opinion is doubtless erroneous; the Grand Lodge, it is believed, only designed to place such subordinates *temporarily* under contiguous Grand Jurisdictions, in consequence of their remoteness from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and for their greater convenience in obtaining information and instruction in the work; having in view always to reclaim jurisdiction over them whenever the state of the Order within the limits of the territory where they were situate should justify their organization into distinct State Grand Jurisdictions. The second suggestion is made in consonance with this view of their relation to this Grand Body, to the end that instead of their condition being bound up comparatively within the records of the State Grand Body to which they have been annexed, their progress should be known to the Order at large."

The letter from the Sandwich Islands also referred to the qualification as to "color" for membership, on which subject also a communication was received from Lima, Peru, and from Australia. In so far as foreign jurisdictions were concerned, I replied that I would recommend a modification of the law by which the control of the subject should be remitted to them. The correspondence is herewith annexed.

It is proper to remark that the question of color is the only obstacle to the introduction of the Order into the Island of Barbadoes, and perhaps into the entire British possessions in the West Indies.

IMPROPER USE OF THE NAME AND PRESTIGE OF THE ORDER.

Shortly after the adjournment of last session my attention was called to certain advertisements of a private business nature, by parties connected with the Order, which, on examination, I deemed to be in violation of the law. (Journal, page 5143 and 5199.)

In obedience to what I conceived to be my duty, I addressed a communication to each of the parties referred to, pointing out the objectionable parts of their publications, and requesting them, in courteous language, to remove them, taking care to point out the law of this R. W. Body on the subject. Explanations were made and arguments were adduced to establish the fact that the law had not been violated, or if so, certainly not intentionally. To prove that the publications complained of by me were not in violation of law, it was claimed that Grosh's, Donaldson's and other Odd-Fellows' Manuals, and works which contain much that belongs exclusively to the Order, especially the emblems and their significations—which are published on account of, and for individual gain—had been sanctioned by the authorities, or if not so, had been approved and countenanced by some of the most distinguished members of the Order, which I confess cannot be controverted; nevertheless the violation of a law by others, no matter under what distinguished auspices or approval, was no defence, in my judgment, and only serves to enforce more cogently our duty in the premises.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to what I conceive to be an infringement of the laws of this R. W. Body. I have reference to the publication of charts, banners and other designs of various kinds, displaying the emblems of the Order, and in many cases classifying and arranging them according to the respective authors' ideas of their particular place in the work. Having been applied to for permission to publish such charts, &c., I have emphatically stated that I did not possess the authority to do so; furthermore that the use of such charts, which is practised in many Lodges and Encampments, in illustrating the principles of the Order, is a violation of law and would not be tolerated.

The right to publish everything connected with the Order—emblems, charts, formulas, &c.—I have always regarded as belonging exclusively to the Grand Lodge of the United States; whether such claim has been fully enforced heretofore or not, I deem it to be absolutely necessary to do so at this time—as well in view of the injury being done by the use of such erroneous, unauthorized publications, as for the benefit, financially, which would accrue to this R. W. Body.

I have frequently been interrogated as to whether there is any relation existing between this R. W. Body and any Life Insurance Company, or whether it has at any time endorsed or recommended any of said institutions, to which I, of course, answered negatively. That the entire Order may be properly informed on this subject, I have deemed it highly proper to call your attention to the matter, and respectfully refer you to a letter from Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, jurisdiction of Ontario, and my reply thereto.

My correspondence in regard to improper publications is herewith submitted.

PROCLAMATION.

In conformity with practice, and believing that the same should be continued, as a reminder to the brotherhood at large of the approach of the natal day of our beloved Order, I issued my Proclamation, setting apart the 26th day of April, 1872, as a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His continued approval of our efforts in the cause of humanity as evidenced in the steady and healthy progress made in every quarter of the General Jurisdiction. I am happy to state that the wish of this R. W. Body was universally acquiesced in, and the day most appropriately observed. A copy of the Proclamation is herewith appended.

TRANSLATION OF THE RITUAL INTO GERMAN.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, a resolution in the following words was adopted:

"That authority be given to the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary to procure such aid as will accomplish the long needed proper and grammatical translation in German of the Ritual of our Order, the same to be submitted for approval to a speeial committee of three, conversant with the German language, to examine such translation, with power to cause the same to be printed, if correct." (Page 5248 Journal.)

Recognizing the importance of the measure proposed, after consultation with the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, I concluded that upon so important a subject the amplest deliberation should be had, and every opportunity should be used to obtain satisfactory information. Accordingly, I addressed letters to several prominent scholars connected with the Order, seeking from them their views as to the proper course to be pursued. Among them I name Brothers Rev. C. HEDDÆUS, H. LINDENBERG, Grand Representative, and M. R. MUCKLE, Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In consequence of the information received, I readily discovered that the work contemplated was one of great magnitude and responsibility, involving a large expenditure of money. No appropriation had been made to defray such expenses, and I had no authority to make requisition upon the treasury to pay for the work if prepared. Besides, I did not feel competent to determine upon the ability of proper parties to make such translation. I therefore declined to take any action in the premises, preferring to submit the subject again to your judgment. I submit the correspondence.

TRANSLATION OF THE DIGEST INTO GERMAN.

At the session of this R. W. Body, September, 1870, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That M. C. LILLEY & Co., publishers of the 'Odd-Fellows' Companion,' at Columbus, Ohio, be and they are hereby authorized to translate into the German language, and print in book form, the Digest and laws of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, this day approved. The book shall be a complete translation of the Digest and forms this day directed to be printed by this Grand Lodge. The manuscript of the translation shall be submitted for examination and correction to the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and on their approval of the same, may be printed. The German Digest shall be sold at the same price as the Digest in the English language, and shall be printed and bound in the same style."

Acting upon said authority, the enterprising firm of LILLEY & Co. set to work to accomplish the object, and having had the translation completed, forwarded the same to me for approval in the terms of the resolution. Finding that to arrive at a proper conclusion as to the correctness of the translation, it would involve an expense to this Grand Lodge which I had no authority to incur, I advised Messrs. LILLEY & Co. to that effect. Their reply was that if a certificate from the Rev. C. HEDDÆUS, who is known to be a thorough English and German scholar, would be satisfactory evidence of the correctness of the translation, they would secure the services of that brother to undertake the task. Having great confidence in the brother referred to, I agreed to submit the examination of the translation to him. The result was a certificate carefully drawn from Brother HEDDÆUS, pronouncing upon the accuracy of the translation, and giving assurance of the truthfulness of the rendering, on which, with the advice of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, I, in conjunction with him, gave a certificate to Messrs. LILLEY & Co. to enable them to proceed with the publication of the German Digest. The book has been published, and is apparently in every respect equal to the Digest issued by this R. W. Body.

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.

Application has been made to me from various quarters for permission to have the installation of the officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges and of Subordinate Encampments conducted in public, which, of course, I had no authority to grant. I am of the opinion, however, that such a privilege could do no harm, but rather much good, as has been proved in the case of public installations of the officers of Subordinate Lodges. I therefore recommend that a form of public installation of the officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges and Subordinate Encampments be prepared, and that the same be furnished to the State Jurisdictions as other supplies, with authority to use them, subject to the conditions prescribed for Subordinate Lodges.

SCHOOLS, ASYLUMS AND LIBRARIES.

I have been advised by the Grand Secretary that in reply to his circular letter, issued in obedience to the resolution of the last session (page 5241 Journal), asking "full statistical information as to what is being done in the different jurisdictions in establishing schools, asylums, libraries, general relief associations and charity funds, showing amount subscribed and expended, and the mode and plans of operation," that but comparatively few responses have been received. It is much to be regretted that the respectful request of this Grand Lodge, addressed by its proper officer to the executive heads of the several Grand Bodies, upon a subject involving the general welfare, should have failed to elicit the common courtesy of a response from more than one-half of the jurisdictions. I can only account for this want of interest and apparent remissness on the part of the delinquent Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs by supposing that it was overlooked, and generally, doubtless, the result of neglect of official duty. From the information received it is gratifying to observe that a very commendable and zealous spirit prevails in this direction in several jurisdictions, whose chief officers have felt it to be their duty promptly to respond.

I suggest that such further proceedings in the premises be had as will accomplish the desired object. The Grand Secretary will submit his correspondence on the subject.

HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP.

There is no more interesting subject to any people, nor any more cherished heritage, than the authentic record of their origin, of the trials and struggles of their ancestry, and of the progressive conquest of their prestige and renown; nor can any more honorable ambition animate their hearts than the desire to possess such a sacred memorial.

The history of our Order can now be written with fidelity and reliable accuracy, although but comparatively imperfect and vague statements remain of the earlier steps of its progress. A good Providence has preserved to us yet a few of the first generation of the Order, and of the early contemporaries of Father WILDEY; whilst they survive, should we not avail of the golden opportunity of their experience and reminiscences in explaining and throwing light upon subjects which the text of our Journals presents often in vague and unintelligible language? I respectfully submit this important subject to your consideration, and without further elaboration upon the value of such an acquisition, I recommend its reference to a committee.

SUPPLIES, PRINTING.

The continuous progress of the Order, and its extension through the wide field which it now occupies, has produced a corresponding demand for supplies within the past few years. The outlay for printing involves by

far the heaviest expenditure of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and requires the exercise on our part of strict supervision and economy. In view of this fact and the inability of the Grand Secretary to properly supervise this branch of the service, and at his instance, it was placed in the hands of a committee in conjunction with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. It will appear from the report of this committee that a great reduction has been affected in prices as well as in material improvement in the quality of the work. There is further room, in the opinion of the Grand Secretary, in which I concur, for profitable reform in this respect, to which end I respectfully invite the attention of the Grand Lodge. The cost of printing the daily and revised Journal of the last session evidently exceeded a just remuneration for the work, since the contract for the same work at this session has been made at greatly reduced rates.

There is no subject in which the constituency is more interested, or in which the general welfare is more involved, than that of the price of supplies—this source of revenue constituting as well the heaviest tax as the main dependence of the Grand Lodge for its support and effective administration. As an evidence of this fact, at every session propositions are made to reduce prices, or in some form to lessen the revenue. Whilst I am in favor of an economical and prudent administration of its finances, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I am not in favor of the reduction of the revenue of that body to its bare necessary current expenditures; on the contrary, I am satisfied that it will prove to be a wise policy to continue to assess prices, so as to produce a reasonable excess of revenue over the ordinary expenditures, to the end that in the event of any unforeseen exigency no embarrassment may arise. This course, together with the appointment of a permanent bureau of supplies, charged, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, with *exclusive* power to manage this whole department according to their own best judgment, will lead to a system of revenue which will always be easily graduated. I am satisfied that an organization of this kind will prove to be a valuable acquisition as a means of husbanding our resources. Of course, such a bureau to be effective should consist of practical business men, familiar with the subject, whose time and absence from their private business in attending to the duties of this appointment should be adequately compensated.

ARCHIVES OF THE ORDER—LIBRARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES, AND STOCK OF SUPPLIES.

My frequent visitations to the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, on official business, has especially brought to my attention the perilous and insecure condition of this very valuable property from fire. The building is a part of the Odd-Fellows' Hall of the city of Baltimore, detached from the main hall, and erected on the extreme end of the lot. It is an ordinarily constructed brick house, three stories high, of which the Grand Secretary occupies three rooms on the first floor; the second and third floors are occupied by Subordinate Lodge and Encampments. It is distant not more than three or four feet from the building on the adjacent lot, which is occupied as a large academy of several hundred boys and girls. In all its other surroundings, it is equally exposed to danger from fire. In these offices there is deposited in a safe, by no means fire-proof, constructed of brick upon the yard, the Books of Diagrams, three copies, manuscript secret work, three copies (all that exists,) and all the secret Journals since the organization; all the original archives derived from Brother WILDEY; all the stereotype plates for the various working books, numbering some hundred boxes, and many other important papers and documents. In the store room there is kept all the other supplies, consisting of Digests, Journals, Grand Lodge United States Form Books, Manuals, pamphlet edition of Journal Grand Lodge of United States, cards, diplomas, all the accu-

mulated records and original papers, and a mass of other invaluable property. In the Secretary's Office proper is the library of the Grand Lodge United States, accumulated by the most diligent and persevering labor of that officer, and the great pride of the whole Order, together with all his official correspondence, and that of his predecessors, and all the correspondence of the Grand Sires from the time of Brother WILDEY. In the event of the destruction of the property by fire, the loss would be irreparable and incalculable. In so far as money value is concerned that may be, and as I am informed is, insured to the extent of some ten or twelve thousand dollars, but such indemnity is of little value compared to the risk incurred in the loss of the property itself. I recommend that the subject have your earnest consideration, and that steps be taken to secure a proper fire-proof building as a depository of the archives of the Order.

FIRE AT CHICAGO.

Soon after the adjournment of the last session, in conformity to the urgent request of the Grand Representatives of Kansas, I visited that jurisdiction, and was officially engaged in instruction in that State, when information was received of the terrible fire at Chicago. So soon as the character and extent of the desolation was definitely known, and my existing engagements would permit, I repaired to Chicago. Upon a view of the awful destruction and the immense amount of suffering consequent upon it, in which many of our brethren largely participated, I addressed a letter through the Heart and Hand to the Order, describing to the best of my ability the severity of the destruction, and making an earnest appeal to the Lodges and Encampments to contribute generously to the relief of the sufferers. Previously, however, the ball had been set in motion in several of the jurisdictions, and prompt, munificent and magnificent responses came from every quarter. I am happy to say that the contributions made by the Lodges and Encampments throughout the world present an illustration of the value of Odd-Fellowship, which is as solid as adamant, as enduring as time, and as sublime and grand as the principles themselves which they so nobly symbolize. Without presuming to go into detail on this subject, I herewith present a printed exhibit or document which has been transmitted to me, being an audit of the account of the committee in charge of the fund, from which it appears that the whole amount received by the committee was $123,724.53; amount expended, $113,554.39; balance on hand, $10,170.14.

Great credit is due to the committee, consisting of Brothers ROGERS, ELLIS and SHERMAN, for their personal sacrifice of time. and their energetic attention to their difficult and responsible trust.

DEATHS.

With feelings of more than ordinary sorrow, because, perhaps, of the personal friendly relations which existed for many years between the departed brothers and myself, I announce the death during the year of Representative JOHN H. SIMMONS, of Vermont, and of the following Past Grand Representatives: JOHN BOYD, AUGUSTUS MATHIOT and JAMES YOUNG, of Maryland; JOHN SESSFORD, of the District of Columbia; MILTON HERNDON, of Indiana, and E. A. RUCKER, of Illinois. Each of these brothers in their day and time occupied distinguished positions in our Order, and some of them left marks on the pages of our history which will never be blotted out. JOHN BOYD came from England as a "Union" Odd-Fellow, and joined Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Baltimore, a short time after its organization. As is well known, he was closely associated for several years with the founder of our Order, THOMAS WILDEY, in the cause of Odd-Fellowship. He was a proxy representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1825 and 1831.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT was one of the early, zealous workers in our cause, and did much towards elevating the character of the Order. He was Secretary of the Grand Lodge of United States from 1829 to 1833; Grand Treasurer from 1833 to 1835, and proxy representative in this R. W. Body from 1836 to 1840.

JAMES YOUNG was representative to this Grand Lodge during the years 1853 and 1854, and again in 1862 and 1863. His name has been associated with the institutian in nearly all of the printing operations from 1845 to the day of his death.

MILTON HERNDON was representative to the Grand Lodge of United States from Indiana during the years 1855-56-57-58-59 and 1860. In 1860 he was elected Deputy Grand Sire, and in consequence of the inability of the Grand Sire to attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, Brother HERNDON acted as Grand Sire in 1861 and 1862. His services were highly appreciated by the Grand Lodge of the United States, as an evidence of which his portrait was ordered, and added to the gallery of portraits of the Past Grand Sires.

Brother SIMMONS, who was with us at the last session, was much beloved in his State, and by all who knew him, on account of his mild, gentlemanly demeanor, and his devotion to our Order.

Brothers SESSFORD and RUCKER each possessed many endearing qualities, and they will be long remembered as zealous Odd-Fellows. Let us hope that our departed brothers have gone to that reward which is prepared by the Great Grand Master for all who obey his commands.

CONCLUSION.

This report has, notwithstanding an earnest desire on my part to avoid elaboration, grown unavoidably on my hands and proved protractive. I have presented only such subjects for your information and consideration as, in my judgment, the interests of the Order demanded.

The official term for which, by your partiality, I was elected, is drawing to a close, and in looking back upon my administration I am cheered by the consciousness of having left, unemployed, no effort within my power to promote the general welfare.

Doubtless, I have left undone much that ought to have been done, and it may be that I have done somethings which I ought not to have done; nevertheless, I feel assured that our beloved Order has not suffered from any error of judgment on my part, but, on the contrary, has advanced upward and onward, moving forward proudly, conquering every obstacle in its path, and fulfilling grandly its high mission. I tender my sincere thanks to the brotherhood at large for their fraternal courtesies and hospitalities wherever it has been my duty and my pleasure to appear among them. I thank this distinguished Grand Body for the kind and generous spirit of indulgence which it has ever extended to me, the memory of which I shall long cherish. I thank my associate Grand Officers for their hearty cooperation and wise counsels. Especially am I indebted to my much esteemed friend and brother, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, not only for the valuable aid he has given me in the performance of the varied and responsible duties incident to my office, but for the brotherly love and delicate consideration for which he has ever, and more particularly during the past two years, evinced towards me; and now, when I am about to retire from my high office, I desire to commend our beloved Order to the favor of Him who has ever been our "strength and shield," and to whom we owe our splendid fortune, invoking in its behalf His further succor and support.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 29, 1871.

HENRY VINE, Esq.,
Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I wrote to you under date of August 15th, 1870, in reply to yours of the 27th of July. Since then I have been anxiously looking for a reply to mine of the 1st of June, in which I gave you, in cypher, the sign of recognition. Enclosed in my last was a key, which I hope you received. The recent session of the Grand Lodge of the United States was unusually interesting. Much important business was transacted, and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed among the members, who numbered one hundred and twenty-three. All the jurisdictions, forty-one, were represented. The enclosed slip will give you information which, I think, will be very gratifying, not only to yourself but to the entire brotherhood in Australia and New Zealand. You will perceive that the vote was nearly unanimous. Now, the qualification for membership, as to age, is left with you. I regret that I cannot, just now, send you a copy of our revised Journal of the proceedings of the last session. Long before this you will have heard of the terrible fire in Chicago. Our Journal was being printed in that city, and like almost everything else was consumed by the flames. Fortunately a perfect copy was preserved, and, if nothing happens, in a few weeks the work will be set up again and all will be right. At the earliest moment you will be furnished with a number of copies. I shall send by the mail that takes this a copy of my report and the report of the Grand Secretary. From these papers you will learn that our beloved Order is in a very prosperous condition. We now number upwards of forty-two hundred Lodges and nearly a third of a million of members. The institution is thoroughly established in Germany and Saxony and Switzerland, and we have reason to believe that our noble banner is floating to the breeze in Peru. Is not this encouraging? May I say to you and to our brethren in Australia and New Zealand, gird on the armor, and by your unwearied efforts in the cause, give such an account of your progress as will cheer up the laborers in Germany and Peru and everywhere else where the sacred altars of our Order have been erected. The qualification as to age being now left to you, will, in truth, give a new impetus to the Order in your distant land. Let me hear from you, and tell me how the news was received.

We are trying Odd-Fellowship just now. By the fire at Chicago over one thousand of our members, with their families, numbering not less than five thousand, have been made homeless and penniless. But they will not be permitted to suffer; contributions are being received daily by the Relief Committee, J. WARD ELLIS, JOHN G. ROGERS and E. B. SHERMAN, at Chicago, who have full charge in this respect, and are working in a completely organized capacity. About forty thousand dollars were received by them in less than two weeks after the fire, besides numerous car loads of provisions, &c., from various directions. Tens, yes hundreds of thousands of dollars will be needed to keep our suffering brothers and their wives and little ones during the approaching winter. God bless our noble Order and warm the hearts of its members to acts of real benevolence. I acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Odd-Fellows' Companion, Melbourne. It is well put together and reflects great credit upon those who are engaged in the enterprise. Go on Brother VINE—be that the "word"—encourage the brothers, and richly will you be rewarded. I enclose the A. T. P. W. and explanation, also the P. W. of the Degree of Rebekah for the year 1872.

Until I hear from you I shall be uneasy about the key, the sign of recogni-

tion, in cypher, and this letter. With best wishes for the success of our beloved Order in Australia and New Zealand, and with fraternal greetings to our brothers everywhere in your jurisdiction, I am, with sentiments of esteem,

Your friend and brother,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE S. D. GRAND SIRE FOR AUSTRALASIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

F. D. STUART, Esq., Melbourne, Oct. 24, 1871.
M. W. Grand Sire.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As the mail per "Nevada" is just closing, I have only time to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 15th of August, this minute received. Being now in possession of the "key," I shall make it my business to communicate the passwords and the sign of recognition to the proper officers here and in New Zealand.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria commenced on the 15th of August last and continued sitting until the 19th. During the session the whole of the constitutional laws of the Order here were revised and amended in such manner as experience had taught were best suited to our requirements. It was also decided that the Grand Lodge should adopt the appellation given it by the charter from your R. W. Grand Lodge, viz., The R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, I. O. O. F., thus dropping the word ancient and bringing its name in conformity with that of the Order in America.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were Bro. MICHAEL VUCTSON, Grand Master; Bro. WILLIAM DUNN, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. JOHN INON, Grand Warden; Bro. J. W. SHARP, Grand Secretary, and Bro. WILLIAM STIRLING, Grand Treasurer. The Journal of Proceedings is now in the printer's hands, and so soon as ready I will forward a copy to you direct. I have forwarded you copies of the "Companion" up to the present time.

You must excuse the hurried manner in which this is written, as by delay I should miss the mail.

With fervent hopes that the Grand Master of all things may continue to watch over and increase the prosperity of the Order in both countries, and weld yet stronger in the fire of purity the noble chain of brotherly love, believe me to be,

Yours, fraternally,

HENRY VINE,
Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australasia.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

HENRY VINE, Esq., Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1871.
Special D. D. Grand Sire for Australasia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I wrote to you on the 29th of October, enclosing the A. T. P. W., explanation, and P. W. of the Degree of Rebekah for 1872, which I trust reached you safely. I have not heard yet whether you received the key forwarded to you just before the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I need not tell you that I shall be uneasy until I know that my letters have been received by you, and that all is right.

At the recent session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that R. W. Body adopted certain emblems, with significations for the use of the Order, and as a part of the work thereof. By mail, to-day, I send you three copies, with various decisions approved by the Grand Lodge, and are therefore law. One copy is for yourself; one for the Grand Master of Victoria, and the other for the Grand Master of New Zealand, which please forward at your earliest convenience. The *significations* are of course a part of the

secret work, and must be so used. I have not learned whether you received the new sign of recognition which I sent to you in cypher.

I heard from Grand Secretary RIDGELY a few days ago that a package from you (no doubt) had been laying in San Francisco for several weeks, perhaps months. He has taken steps to have it forwarded to him. I trust, my dear brother, that the Order in Australia and New Zealand is in a prosperous condition, and that the authority given you by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to admit persons at the age of eighteen, will prove a great benefit.

In a few days our reprinted Journal of Proceedings of last session will be out, and copies will at once be sent to you.

The "Companion" reached me safely, for which accept of my warmest thanks. I like it much; push it ahead, my good brother; we know the value of the Press here.

Present my heartfelt fraternal greetings to the entire Order in Australasia, and for yourself accept of the best wishes of a friend and brother.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

F. D. STUART, Esq., MELBOURNE, March 11, 1872.
M. W. Grand Sire.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The making up of a mail by a steamer leaving here to-day, in order to meet the Nevada at Auckland, New Zealand, affords me an opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your favors of the 29th of October and 11th of December, 1871, as also those of the 18th of June and 27th of July, those of the former containing the sign of recognition, in cypher, and the latter the key. Immediately upon receiving the latter I forwarded a copy to the Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand, and it has, in Victoria at least, been duly propagated amongst the brethren.

Yours of the 29th of October was accompanied by one from Bro. JOHNSON, Grand Secretary of California, enclosing, at your request, an official notification of the alteration of your constitution, in order to meet the oft-repeated requisitions of the Grand Lodge of this District, to be enabled to initiate members at eighteen years of age.

I need not tell you, my dear brother, with what pleasure I immediately communicated the intelligence to the proper authorities, and with what joy it was received by them, as it will enable us, so far as numbers are concerned, to fight on equal terms with our contemporaries.

You are perhaps aware that all societies professing to give stipulated benefits, are, by our legislative enactments, compelled to be enrolled under what is termed the "Friendly Societies Statute." This act gives the government no control over the various societies beyond compelling them to submit their scale of fees and benefits to an authorized actuary for revision and comparison, so that the members shall be assured the benefits guaranteed them, and also compelling each society to send to the Registrar General certain annual returns by which he is enabled to compile his statistics. But you will be able to judge of the competition to which we are subject, when I tell you that there are now duly registered under the act and working in Melbourne, upwards of twenty distinct societies, each having its own governing body here and branch Lodges in different parts of the colony. This is not as you find it in America, where your immense numbers enable you to look upon all others as simple and unassuming assistants in a good cause, or as our newly affiliated German brothers will find it, as societies of a similar nature, before the introduction of our Order into that country, were entirely unknown there, and they have the whole continent open to them. It is a difficult thing to prevent the understanding being influenced by antiquated notions, and amongst Englishmen it is a general idea that all societies of such a nature and constitution as ours, are simply an insurance society, very good for a poor man, but beneath the dignity of one who is enabled to look com-

placently on, believing that HE may not be in need of its assistance, and who displays his charity by occasional gifts to a benevolent institution with the full assurance of seeing his name, with the sum attached, duly published in a daily paper. I do not mean to say that Englishmen, as a rule, are uncharitable; on the contrary, I am disposed to assert that there is no more charitable race in existence, but it is difficult to prevent customs of the old world from entering into the new.

In your report to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a copy of which you were so kind as to forward, you mention that I had acknowledged the receipt of a package of the revised Journals of the previous session, which you had forwarded for distribution amongst the Lodges here. From this I imagine that you have probably sent a number for distribution amongst the *Subordinate* Lodges, as done in previous years—if so, I have not received them. The parcel that I received, and the receipt of which I acknowledged, contained three copies specially addressed, one each for the Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand, and one for myself.

A considerable desire has been manifested here to form regular Degree and Rebekah Lodges; indeed one has already been opened at Ballarat, and bids fair to be a great success, as it will not only secure a greater uniformity in working the Order and conferring the degrees, but it will materially assist its cause by enlisting the practical co-operation of our sisters.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, a special committee, of which I am one, was appointed to draw up a code of laws for the government of such Lodges, and which code of laws is to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for consideration at its session in August next. As we are desirous of starting on a right principle, we would wish to take the benefit of the working of similar Lodges in America, and I would esteem it a great favor and a personal kindness if you forward me, at your earliest convenience, a copy of such a code of laws now in use in your country, as your experience will suggest is best suited to our purpose.

Since my last letter to you the Order here has not been sleeping; indeed I think that the real progress made is quite equal to any time previous.

The city of Sandhurst and the town of Castlemaine have for a long time been looked upon as eligible places in which to establish Lodges, as they are both centres of very important mining districts. But the difficulty of finding members residing there prevented any attempt being made. A recent mining excitement caused a number of brothers to settle at both places, and they being good members and true, seized the opportunity and established their Lodges. The excitement which caused the influx of people to these places has subsided, and things are now carried on in the same even way as before, but the Lodges were both firmly established and are making rapid progress.

In a former communication, I told you of the desire that existed here for the Order to be in possession of halls of its own. The greatest difficulty that was in our way in Melbourne was purchasing the land, as none could be got in a suitable position, except at an immense cost. This, however, has been got over. Application was made to the government for a portion of a piece of ground which has been temporarily reserved for another purpose, but which had never been used. Our application was successful, as the government granted us sufficient for our use. It is granted for the purpose of an Odd-Fellows' hall and asylum. The ground is very centrally situated, and is estimated as being worth about three thousand pounds.

We are now waiting for the trustees, who have been appointed, to be gazetted, and then we shall go to work upon our building. It will not be a very extensive one at first, but it is intended that what we build now will afterwards form part of a noble edifice, worthy of our Order and its teachings.

The whole of the building will have to be devoted to the purpose of Odd-Fellowship, as the grant will not permit it to be used for purposes other than those specially named therein.

Many thanks, my dear brother, for your good opinion about the "Odd-Fellows' Companion." We already feel that it is doing good.

In conclusion, my brother, allow me to assure you that the brotherhood here is up and doing. True we have a great many who are only Odd-Fellows in name, but we have also many who are so in spirit and in truth, and through whose unwearied efforts the Order is gradually and surely advancing to pre-eminence.

With kind fraternal greetings to yourself and the Order in your country, and trusting that it may have uninterrupted progress until it has completed its mission by encircling the globe, believe me to be, my dear brother,

Yours, faithfully and sincerely,

HENRY VINE, *Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

P. S.—The Journal of your last session has just now arrived (since writing the foregoing;) many thanks.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., May 21, 1872.

HENRY VINE, Esq.,
Special Deputy Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., for Australasia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It affords me inexpressible pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your very interesting letter, dated March 11th of this year, and to learn thereby that all my letters had reached you safely. All right about the sign of recognition.

I felt satisfied that the action of the Gand Lodge of the United States in relation to the age of initiates would be hailed by the membership in Australia and New Zealand with delight. As you remark, you will now be able to compete, (successfully, I hope,) so far as numbers are concerned, with other associations assimilating to ours, of which there are many in your land. For my own part, I have no fear or doubt as to the success of our Order wherever its objects and purposes are properly understood. The mission of Odd-Fellowship, as you well know, is not merely the amelioration of the physical condition of man—it seeks to improve his moral status, to elevate his character, to enlighten his mind, and to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good. You know we war against vice in all its forms—our weapons being friendship, our breast-plate truth, our victory will be as certain and sure as that we have a being.

Alluding to the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into Germany, I have no hesitation in saying that in no part of the world could the Order have been established with brighter prospects of success. There are numerous beneficial societies on the Continent of Europe, but none of them have in view the high and noble purposes of our beloved institution, and this fact our German and Swiss brethren fully understand and appreciate.

I take occasion to say to you that the good work is progressing in Germanic-Europe. Several new Lodges have been instituted this year—Concordia, No. 5, in Prussia, but recently—and, as with you, the brethren have determined to erect halls of their own whenever their limited means will warrant. In January last a Lodge was instituted in Lima, Peru, and we have the assurance that it will be a success.

I admit the force of your remarks in regard to the character of your countrymen, and I know that what you say as to the view they take of the objects of all such organizations as ours is correct, but it only needs a little time to set them all right in that respect.

I notice what you say in reference to the diagrams of the emblems of the Order forwarded to you, and your remark that the Patriarchal branch had not been introduced into New Zealand. I have only to say, that as soon as there is a disposition on the part of the brethren in New Zealand to advance to the sublime degrees, they should be gratified, and every means within your power should be employed to exalt them. The difficulty will be to

have the work properly conveyed to them. In this connection I may remark, that I trust it will be the pleasure, as I conceive it to be the duty of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to send, at an early day, a competent person to Australia and New Zealand, with the view of establishing a perfect uniformity in the work of the Order.

In regard to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it was intended that you should have for distribution quickly, after the session, quite a number of copies. The failure to accomplish this object grew out of circumstances over which we had no control. We will try to manage better hereafter. I hope you received the package recently sent to you by the Grand Secretary; it should contain one hundred copies.

The establishment of Degree Lodges, where there are two or more Subordinate Lodges, will prove to be a great advantage in producing uniformity in the work, and, if properly conducted, will materially increase the interest, and thereby promote the prosperity of the institution. I rejoice to learn that the brethren have undertaken to establish Rebekah Degree Lodges. With us, in many localities, the enterprise has proved to be a perfect success. How can it be otherwise? Whatever woman smiles upon must prosper. As a general thing she engages in nothing but that which is good, sacred and holy. Encourage Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Your idea of enacting a code of general laws for the government of Subordinate Lodges is a good one, and I take occasion to say that you cannot be too careful in this respect. Most, if not all, of the State Jurisdictions have long since enacted such laws, and the system works admirably. I have made known your purpose and wish to our esteemed Grand Secretary, who will endeavor to furnish you with data that will aid you in the performance of the important duty assigned to you. I send you what I have in that line.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that I notice your remarks in regard to the progress of the Order in your distant land. "No pent up Utica is ours." The globe is our field of labor, and wherever truly worthy men can be found in communities large enough to warrant the effort, let the glorious banner be unfurled.

The mining districts of California have given us some of the most flourishing Lodges, and added to our swelling roll some of the truest, warmest hearts and active hands in the great work of human benefaction. Let your motto be upward and onward, in the propagation of the great principles of the fraternity, bearing in mind that every laudable effort should be made to extend its bounds, to elevate its character, and to give to it a name which will challenge the respect and secure the confidence of the good and the just in every land.

Yes, you informed me of the commendable desire of the brethren in Australia to occupy halls owned by themselves, and I rejoice to learn that the effort made in that direction has been so successful. It appears you have gone farther; you are looking to the establishment of an asylum. Go on in this good work. Several of our State jurisdictions have moved in this important matter, and homes for widows and orphans are being erected to the honor and glory of the Order. You are right in not undertaking to do much at first—better a little, with certain success, than a great effort which may prove fatal to the enterprise.

The "Companion" continues to come to me, and I repeat, that it reflects great credit upon the brothers who have the management of it. We find that the Press with us has been a powerful lever in the interests of the Order, shedding light upon, and giving information far and wide in regard to the practical working of Odd-Fellowship. I trust that the membership in Australia are awake to this important matter, and that an evidence of that fact may be found in their liberal support and patronage of the "Companion."

I communicated what you said concerning the American Odd-Fellow to the proprietors thereof, and am satisfied that the difficulty has grown out of circumstances beyond their control. Bro. NEWELL, the editor, wrote to you

in February last, stating all the particulars about the magazine. He will write again, and I am certain everything will be made entirely satisfactory to you and to all concerned.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you again before the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in September.

Convey to the brotherhood at large in Australasia my heartfelt fraternal greetings, and say to them that we are proud of being able to claim them as part and parcel of the great family of Odd-Fellows, which is destined to increase in numbers and extend in bounds until hands are united with hands and hearts with hearts, in establishing peace on earth and good will to man in every part of the habitable globe.

Accept for yourself the assurance of my esteem and brotherly love.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

FRED. D. STUART, Esq., BERLIN, November 21, 1871.
M. W. Grand Sire.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Just before starting on a business trip I came in possession of your kind favor of the 5th inst. Promising to answer it more fully as soon as I gain a little leisure time, on my return here in a week or two, as well as the very explicit letter of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary RIDGELY, of October 6th, to whom I shall communicate all my late doings officially, I merely take advantage now of the few minutes left me, before my departure, to advise you that I am not in possession of the key for P. W. so far, and to request you to send the same at once to my address, as below, in case you are not quite sure that it has already gone forward, or to send duplicate at any rate, advising me how it was sent before.

Excuse my breaking off here, with the assurance that matters are progressing favorably here, and believe me,

Yours, with fraternal regards,

H. WOLLHEIM, *P. G.*,
Aquarium Building, Berlin, Prussia.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
HUGO WOLLHEIM, Esq., Washington, D. C., Dec. 10, 1871.
D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge with pleasure your very welcome letter of the 21st of November, which came to me yesterday. I was under the impression that Dr. MORSE had left a copy of our key with you. However, to remedy the difficulty, I herewith enclose you one. By this mail I shall forward to your address copies of the emblems and significations adopted at the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States as part of the work; also certain decisions of the Grand Sire, made law by the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States. You will see one copy is for yourself as D. D. Grand Sire, and one copy each for Bros. ARNOUX, at Dresden; HEINRICH, at Zurich, and BERNHEIM, at Stuttgart, which please forward to them at your earliest convenience. Of course the significations of the emblems are a part of the secret work, and must be so used. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge, September session, will soon be out, and copies will, without delay, be sent to you. I trust the Lodges in Europe are in a prosperous condition, and that every laudable effort is being made by yourself, and others entrusted with authority, to extend the Order far and wide. I shall be much pleased to hear from you as to the condition of things, so far as Odd-Fellowship is concerned in Prussia. Your commission as District Deputy Grand Sire for Prussia has been forwarded to you by the Grand Secretary.

Convey to the members of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Borussia Lodge, No. 2, and Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, Berlin, my sincere fraternal greetings, with best wishes for their success in Lodge capacity, and individual health and happiness.

No. 2 of "Heart and Hand" came safely; many thanks; keep it agoing.

Truly yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

P. S.—Please acknowledge receipt of diagrams and decisions, and request the other District Deputies to do so.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 13, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Esq.,
D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have been looking anxiously for a letter from you in reply to mine of December 10th, 1871, and in acknowledgment of the receipt of the diagrams of the emblems of the Order which I forwarded to you. My letter contained a key. Please inform me whether all was right.

It has been my great pleasure lately to hear directly from D. D. Grand Sire ARNOUX, at Dresden, and to learn that Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, is in a highly prosperous condition. The Grand Secretary has reports from Stuttgart and Zurich, conveying the gratifying intelligence that the Lodges in these cities are doing well. You can hardly imagine, my dear brother, how happy it makes us all to hear from our German brethren, and to learn that the great work across the water is progressing. Indirectly, I hear that another Lodge has been instituted, making, with Germania, No. 1, and Borussia, No. 2, three Lodges in Berlin. This is truly joyful news, if it is true, and conveys ample evidence of the fact that the seed of Odd-Fellowship recently sown in Germany did not fall upon stony ground, nor among thorns, but in a warm genial soil. All we need now is zealous and devoted husbandmen, and the harvest will be abundant and rich. You have done well; go on, and heaven's choicest blessings will attend you. Present my fraternal regards to the brethren in Berlin, and say to them that though the wide ocean rolls between them and us, we regard them as our brothers, and as co-laborers with us in the great cause of benevolence and peace. Let me hear from you soon, Bro. WOLLHEIM.

With best wishes for your health and happiness, I am,

Fraternally yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., March 15, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Esq.,
D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I had the gratification of reading your several letters to Grand Secretary RIDGELY, and although he has, no doubt, replied to them fully and satisfactorily, I deem it to be my duty, as it is a pleasure, to write to you in regard to certain matters therein referred to.

I take occasion, first, to say that I wrote to you on the 10th of December last, enclosing a key, and by the same mail forwarded to you copies of the diagrams of emblems recently adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and decisions of the Grand Sire approved by that R. W. Body at its late session. I also wrote to you on the 13th of February, and have no reply to either letter. I take it for granted that your time is very much occupied, and, further, that having corresponded so fully with the Grand Secretary, you naturally thought nothing was really necessary to be said to me.

Touching your remarks to Bro. RIDGELY in reference to the progress of the Order in your jurisdiction, I congratulate you upon the institution of the two Lodges—"Teutonia," No. 3, at Lychen, and "Templar," No. 4, at Berlin, and I say to you, with all sincerity, that I rejoice that the interests of our Order in Prussia have been confided to one so highly capable and so willing to devote his time and his means without stint in the furtherance of the cause. Your management of the affairs at Lychen in the encounter with the Burgermeister, your success in putting down all opposition, and finally in establishing the claims of our Order on a firm basis, where the authorities had interposed serious objections, is deserving of the warmest encomiums.

I notice what you say relative to the institution of new Lodges, and what you have the prospect of doing in that way by the first of July next. My response is, go on! The eyes of the Order in this country are upon you, and God will certainly smile upon your efforts in behalf of our common humanity.

As to the difficulty of establishing Lodges for want of funds, I fully understand and appreciate the condition you are in, and I can say, with all my heart, that were it in my power your purse would soon be filled, and means would be provided to replenish it as the noble work progressed. But in this respect I am powerless.

Your views touching the appointment of a Special Deputy for Germany and Switzerland, and I would say for the entire continent, I fully concur in. You know what the Grand Lodge of the United States did in that direction. That Right Worthy Body invited Dr. MORSE to continue his labors in Europe, but failed to provide the means. Notwithstanding that failure, I had reason to believe that our worthy brother would, ere this, be with you, enlarging our field and strengthening the bonds of friendship and love which are intended to unite the people of the old and new world in one vast brotherhood. On this subject permit me to say, my dear brother, that I am much pained with your remarks in reference to my appointments on the continent. I fear that, at least so far as you are concerned, you have not understood my position. For, pursuing the course I did in the appointment of Deputies for the different districts, I had two good reasons—first, I was under the impression, as mentioned above, that Dr. MORSE would return to Germany and continue his labors; secondly, I did not feel that I could, with any degree of propriety, ask you, or any other brother of the Order, to undertake the performance of a duty which would necessarily, in view of the great distance between the localities in which the Order is established in Europe, involve much time and great expense, without some promise or hope of indemnification. Although Deputies were appointed for each of the districts, I felt that I could, without giving you special authority, call upon you to perform any duty connected with our Order. With that idea I sent the diagrams of the emblems of the Order, for each of the Deputies, to you, and requested you to communicate the A. T. P. W. to them.

I trust you will not for a moment entertain the idea that I doubted your ability, in any respect, to perform the duties of a Special Deputy, nor that I was wanting in that respect and confidence in you which would warrant such an appointment. From the beginning, I have held you in high esteem, and your acts, since Dr. MORSE left Europe, have elevated you in my estimation.

You are of the opinion that you will soon apply for a Grand Lodge charter. This I earnestly hope you may be able to do, as that desirable object attained, many of the difficulties now existing will vanish.

I am delighted to learn that the Degree of Rebekah is to occupy your attention. If properly appreciated and judiciously managed, the institution of a Lodge of that degree will to much to promote the interests of the Order.

In regard to the vote of thanks to Prince BISMARCK, Baron GEROLT and M. BANCROFT, I admit that it would have been well to have presented them before this. But it has been almost impossible to prepare the documents properly. My time has been, every moment of it, employed in connection

with the Order, and the Grand Secretary has been unusually busy, besides, on two or three occasions since the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, he has been obliged to give up all work and seek repose at home. At this time, and for a week past, he has been confined to his room, and I fear he will not soon be in a condition to attend to the responsible and arduous duties at his office.

The testimonial papers are to be ready in a few days, and will, as long ago determined upon, be forwarded to you, to be placed in the hands of the gentlemen they are intended for in such manner as you shall deem proper.

In regard to a "revision of the German work," or translation of the Ritual into the German language, I assure you that everything has been done so far that could be done to carry out the wish of the Grand Lodge of the United States in that respect, though no provision (as to means) was made by that R. W. Body to accomplish the object. I have advised with some of the most distinguished members of our Order—Germans—and hope soon to be able to decide upon the course to be pursued.

Permit me to thank you kindly for the "Heart and Hand," which comes to me regularly, and to say to you that, through the courtesy of a German friend and brother who reads it, I am instructed in all that it contains in relation to the Order, and am highly pleased.

In conclusion, my dear brother, I must say, that I cannot willingly permit you to retire from a position you are so admirably fitted for. Your withdrawal from active co-operation in our glorious work will materially retard progress, and may otherwise seriously affect the general interest. Continue to give the Order the benefit of your experience; exercise that zeal, energy, devotion and good judgment you have heretofore displayed in all your acts connected with our institution, and if not rewarded on this earth, you will receive the approval and blessing of our Great Grand Master above.

Present my fraternal regards to the members of the Order, wherever you meet them in Europe, and accept for yourself the assurance of my love and esteem.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

FRED. D. STUART, Esq., Berlin, May 11, 1872.
Most Worthy Grand Sire, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Through the R. W. Grand Secretary, RIDGELY, I apologized to you on March 21st for not writing to you direct and acknowledging your favor of February 13th. It is only to-day I can gain time to acknowledge and reply to your kind letter of March 15th. Accept my best thanks for the kind sentiments expressed therein, and for the confidence you are pleased to repose in me, as well as for your approbation of my official acts. Though I am not of your opinion that my resigning the office of D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia would in the least delay the progress of the Order here, still, in view of the near approach of the time when this district will be in a position to apply to you for a Grand Lodge charter, I will continue at my post until that consummation is reached; but you must excuse me if my labors should fall short of your expectations on account of my being kept very busy by my insurance business and numerous private interests. What I can do will be cheerfully done. Impossible as it is for me to address both you and the Grand Secretary at length, I will direct my official reports, which are of course intended for you, to the Secretary, always taking it for granted that they are at the earliest moment submitted to you. This will be the safest mode moreover, since I know that you are frequently off on visitations, while he is always at home.

From my next letter to him, which will be sent next week, you will learn of the institution of Concordia, No. 5, Minerva Degree Lodge, No. 1, and

"Einigkeit" (Harmony) Degree Lodge, No. 1, of the Degree of Rebekah. No. 6, I hope, will be started in a week or two, and then we will get ready for petitioning for a Grand Lodge charter. The votes of thanks were safely received and dispatched according to directions, and as soon as the acknowledgments are received, the whole correspondence will be forwarded. The other District Deputies were requested to report direct. The general state of the Order here you will see from the next number of "Herz and Hand," which will be issued in a few days, and for which you are not, as you seem to think, under obligations to me, but to Bro. ALTVATER, P. G., the editor. Though he is employed in my office, and edits the paper there, I never get to see a line of it before it appears in print; I never contributed to nor interfered with it in any way.

Accept the fraternal regards of the whole brotherhood under my charge, and of

Your humble servant,

H. WOLLHEIM.

Bro. ALTVATER begs to be especially remembered to you.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., May 29, 1872.

HUGO WOOLHEIM, Esq.,
Deputy Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., for Prussia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of the 11th instant came duly to hand, and gave me much pleasure. I am perfectly satisfied with your explanation about writing. Bro. RIDGELY has kept me advised of your doings, and I have no complaint to make. Your determination to continue your labors as D. D. Grand Sire pleases me much. I have no fear of your falling short of what I expect of you, which, by the by, is much. Your past efforts in the cause of our noble Order are a sufficient guarantee for your future in that direction. Continue to correspond with Bro. RIDGELY. As you remark, I am frequently off on visitations; he is always at home.

By this time, no doubt, "Concordia," No. 5, is at work, and "Minerva" Degree Lodge, No. 1, and "Harmony" Lodge, No. 1, of the Degree of Rebekah, have been established. I congratulate you, my dear brother, and say, well done good and faithful servant.

Yes, you will soon be in a condition to apply for a Grand Lodge charter, which done will remove many difficulties now in your way. All right about the resolutions of thanks; will be glad to see the correspondence. I always read with pleasure, or rather have read to me, the "Heart and Hand" as soon as it reaches me, and have much to say in praise of its able editor. Be kind enough to present my sincere regards to Bro. ALTVATER, and thank him for his rememberance of me. Tender my warmest fraternal greetings to the members of the Order under your charge, and say to them, one and all, that I shall ever feel a deep interest in their welfare.

Trusting that you may find time to drop me a line occasionally, I am, in closer bonds than ever,

Your friend and brother,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., June 14, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Esq.,
D. D. Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., for Prussia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Upon the occasion of a recent official visit to the office of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, I had the opportunity of examining the correspondence between that worthy officer and the D. D. Grand Sires in Germanic Europe, growing out of the formal presentation of the "vote of thanks" ordered to be transmitted to the several

governments and distinguished public officers, by which special courtesies and kindness had been extended to us, upon the occasion of introducing our Order within their domain. It was a source of pleasure to me to notice that this highly important service had been disposed of by all whose official duty it was to take part in it, in the most considerate and satisfactory manner, and that a corresponding degree of appreciation was manifested by the respective recipients of the compliments so appropriately conferred. All the communications received from your country concur in representing the condition of the Lodges as highly prosperous, and the general feeling among the brotherhood to be earnest, zealous, devoted, and perfectly harmonious. This extremely gratifying fact, is, of itself, an earnest of the solidity of the foundations which have been laid, and an assuring auspice of encouragement for the future. Besides, the administration has been eminently wise and discreet, as well as efficient, so that we have abundant cause for congratulation at the present out-look of the Order in Europe. The growth and increase from so vigorous a germ must naturally be active and diffusive among a people so intelligent, and whose principles and emotions sympathize so closely with the pre-eminent ideas of Odd-Fellowship. It is obvious, therefore, that the expanding progress of the institution, unless some mistake shall be made, by those to whose direction the management is confided, must be rapid, general, and all commanding, in every kingdom in which it has been established in the great Fatherland. We are, in view of these facts, strikingly admonished, that just at this juncture the most momentous responsibility devolves upon all who have duties to perform connected with the crisis. The peremptory question, it seems to me, which presents itself, and demands solution, is, what is to be the relation between the offspring which we have grown in foreign nationalities and the Parent Body?

So long as the condition of immediate subordination continues, no difficulty, of course, can arise, but as this tutelary status is temporary only, and Grand Bodies are to be formed, at the proper time, in accordance with general law, the subordinates must pass from the jurisdiction of the Parent Body to the National Grand Body. What then shall be the relation of these National Grand Bodies to the Parent? This is a pregnant question, and challenges our most considerate attention. It is clear to my mind, that a settled policy, in this regard, should be now reached and adhered to as a uniform system. Heretofore the Grand Lodge of the United States, as in the case of British North America and Australia, has granted Grand Charters, which set apart such jurisdictions as quasi-independent, subject only to specific conditions and reservations, which have been defined in the warrant. Under such organization, the Grand Lodge of British North America was established in 1846, but after a short trial it surrendered its charter, and the Order in that country elected, in 1855, to return to the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of which it now forms one of the most vigorous and valuable links. Australasia, consisting of two Grand Bodies, viz., the Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, have each continued to maintain, with great success, their original organization—exercising separate and independent jurisdictions, and administering the Order under systems of their own formation—but recognizing the Parent Body as the exclusive source of authority, so far as concerns the ritual and the qualification for membership. Thus we have no uniform plan of government for foreign jurisdictions, in their relation to the Parent Body, and it is very evident that this state of things cannot continue to exist without probable derangement and danger to the general welfare. Under these circumstances, the suggestion of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, made to you in his last letter, that the several jurisdictions now formed in Europe should interchange views touching this important matter, and harmonize in opinion as to their wishes and judgment in this regard, and send one or more delegates to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in September next, charged with authority to represent them

in the premises, has my decided approval, and I recommend it cordially to your favorable consideration. It is true, that the Grand Lodge of the United States possesses exclusive power and prerogative upon this subject, nevertheless, that Grand Body would hear, with profound respect, the suggestions and recommendations of the brothers in Europe, relative to an interest of such magnitude, and involving such a decided influence upon the welfare of the jurisdiction at large. There are, inevitably, wants, necessities, habits, and other special considerations, which are local in their character, and peculiar to every people and nationality, to be consulted and respected, in order to assure harmony and zealous support from the several constituents whose co-operation is invoked; especially where the cause, as in this instance, is one of pure benevolence and fraternity. Hence, there will be a superior adaptability of your counsels to the exigency, and an advantage to the end in view, which it would be difficult to supply by any other means. I present these views, of course, with some diffidence and distrust as to their practical value, yet they have my implicit confidence, and are submitted earnestly and respectfully.

With the best wishes for your health and happiness, and for the prosperity of our noble institution everywhere,

I am, truly and fraternally, yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

SAXONIA LODGE, No. 1, VON SACHSEN,
Dresden, January 13th, 1872.

FRED. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to transmit to you, in compliance with the regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the returns of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, viz., the semi-annual report and the annual report, both ending December 31st, 1871.

The expenditures connected with the furnishing of our hall, etc., being much larger than our income, it devolves upon me to ask you to extend to this Lodge for the past, and also for the ensuing year, the kind privileges usually proffered to new Lodges, *i. e.*, a remission of our dues to the aforesaid Grand Lodge of the United States.

In addition to my report, I would refer to you for a decision in regard to an irregularity in our last election. The Vice Grand, who was elected at the installation of this Lodge, thinking it proper not to accept the Noble Grand's chair, I, according to the power vested in me as D. D. Grand Sire, gave a dispensation to the effect that a choice could be had from amongst all the past elected officers, (with the exception of the Past Noble Grand,) and even all those brothers who held the fifth degree, but the majority persisted in re-electing me into the Noble Grand's chair, under the plea that the existence of the Lodge was in danger if its government was taken out of the hands of the present Noble Grand. They at the same time elected a Vice Grand, who, they all feel confident, will be able to take my place the coming term. I only yielded to the wish of the Lodge in the first meeting of 1872, stating that I should submit the case to the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and this is partially a cause of the delay in making my report.

From the little experience I have had in things pertaining to our Order, I am inclined to believe that only a strict enforcement of the same laws, the same ceremonies and forms, will be able to effect a firm union between the Order in both countries, and it is therefore very desirable that the legislature of our Order should take into consideration the wants and peculiarities of both nations in making the laws, so that there may never arise a dissatisfaction here which might result finally in a total separation, as it has occurred

once before. At the same time I am almost convinced that a separation would prove disastrous to the Order in Germany.

I would, therefore, suggest those amendments to our laws which have already proved to be very desirable:

1st. An amendment to the laws regarding election of Noble Grand, to the effect that he may be re-elected any number of times by a two-thirds majority.

2d. An amendment to the laws regarding the balloting for membership, to the effect that those who cast black ballots should, if requested by the Noble Grand, give to him and the Vice Grand the reason for their balloting.

My strict enforcement of the original law has already caused great disappointment and unpleasant feelings, and almost destroyed the harmony existing between us all.

I would also ask you whether a translation of the Digest of 1870 into the German language could not be obtained. This, it seems to me, will be in a short time the great necessity in all Lodges. As we are very much in need of blank cards, certificates, etc., I would respectfully ask you to cause a sufficient supply to be remitted to us, and if they are not sent free, to inform me of their price.

After having written the preceding, the motion has been made that all blanks, viz., cards, (visiting and withdrawal,) certificates, reports, etc., should be printed and written in German, and as this probably, in a short time, will be the universal wish, I respectfully ask you to give me permission to have them translated, or if it is desirable, to have them all correspond, I would suggest the adoption of the translation into German by the United States Grand Lodge.

I have the happy prospect of being enabled to start a Lodge in Munich, (Bavaria,) and Prag, (Bohemia.) The former would have been instituted ere now, but I have not been able yet to spare eight days from my office, and that length of time is at least necessary to accomplish the object in view. I expect to go there the latter part of next spring. The delay in establishing the Lodge in Prag is occasioned by the sickness of a man who is very essential in bringing together the proper material for a Lodge. As soon as this obstacle is removed I will go there.

This Lodge is progressing slowly but surely. Before all things, I thought it necessary to diffuse the proper spirit, and to make perfectly known and understood the high tendencies and principles of our Order, and to get the Lodge into proper working trim. A good deal has been accomplished in that way, with the aid of a number of excellent brothers, and I think I can justly say that we are doing well, and feel more and more the obligations which we are under to our brothers in America for carrying their noble banner of Friendship, Love and Truth on to German soil.

As a matter which in future might turn out to be of much moment, I would mention that we have taken steps in this Lodge to conciliate the at present existing antipathy against us (*i. e.*, all P. F.) of the Order of Free Masons in Germany, with the view of calling to life the same fraternal friendship and relationship which exists in America, and from personal interviews with the highest officers in Dresden, I am led to believe that the result may be better than anticipated.

Permit me, dear sir and brother, to express to you and the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as well as to all our brothers in America, the sincerest gratitude and friendship of this Lodge, and believe me,

Yours, very sincerely, in F., L. and T.,

O. ARNOUX,

Noble Grand and D. D. Grand Sire for Saxony.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of the Secret Manual and circulars.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14, 1872.

O. ARNOUX, Esq.,
D. D. Grand Sire for Saxony.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your official communication dated Dresden, January 13th, 1872, accompanied by the report of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, for term ending December 31st, 1871, is received. It gives me pleasure to observe the great interest which you evince in the discharge of your responsible duties, as D. D. Grand Sire, and to recognize, in the high degree of prosperity which Saxonia Lodge has attained, the unmistakable evidence of your able and efficient administration. To this potent and indispensable instrumentality must we look, in the main, for the realization of our hopes and expectations for Odd-Fellowship in your distant country, and I am happy to say that we have the most confident assurance that everything will be done on your part which can be done in this regard.

Almost contemporaneously with the report from Saxonia Lodge, the Grand Secretary received the returns from Wurttemberg, No. 1, at Stuttgart, Württemberg, and from Helvetia, No. 1, at Zurich, Switzerland, each of which displays a satisfactory growth and gives promise of permanent success. We have, therefore, in these exhibits from our tender offspring in Germanic Europe and Switzerland, reason for sincere congratulation and for great encouragement. Our relative and reciprocal duty and obligations become therefore the more commanding, and we should be admonished by this experience to measure up with fidelity to this greatly increased responsibility. Let us not only, my good brother, make tenable and perfectly secure, by our diligence and circumspection, the vantage ground which we now occupy in your grand and splendid country, but having strengthened and fortified our present position against all danger, let us endeavor, as from this nucleus, to diffuse Odd-Fellowship throughout Europe. From what has already been achieved under great difficulties, there appears no good reason why further and equally valuable acquisitions may not be compassed. The introduction of American Odd-Fellowship, and the securement of its supervision in the hands of the present District Deputy Grand Sires, I regard as a work of great magnitude, challenging for its accomplishment the highest skill, prudence, and diplomatic ability. Its maintenance and extension demands, unceasingly, equal resources, and unless these be kept actively in the field, the greatest danger may be apprehended. Few men, comparatively speaking, consider this subject with sufficient gravity to reach just conceptions as to the difficulties which hinder the introduction of institutions like ours into foreign communities. The instinctive pride of country, of self-dependence, of abundant home capacity, not less than the innate prejudice inseparable from every nationality, combine to impede progress and to interpose the most vexatious delays. Success, if attained, is most rare under such circumstances, and the difficulty of assuring its fruit is correspondingly great. To Bro. MORSE, P. D. D. Grand Sire, and the zealous and able co-operation of the present D. D. Grand Sires, superadded to the friendly relations existing between the United States and Germany, growing out of the great and continuous intercourse between them, are we indebted for the presence of our beloved Order in your great country, and for the pleasing prospect which its general prosperity affords of its abiding hold upon the affections of your people. To educate our membership in both jurisdictions up to a proper appreciation of the value of Odd-Fellowship to each, it is only necessary that those in authority should continue in the future, as they have in the past, a diligent, faithful and energetic administration of office, so that by the increase of our members and our usefulness, by an exemplary verification of our principles, by a spirit of harmony in our proceedings, and love for each other in all our intercourse, we may irresistably secure the favor of the good and the wise. With these general remarks, which the occasion seems to invite, I pass to consider the special subjects which you submit.

1st. Your re-election as Noble Grand, and the election of the Vice Grand

under the state of facts presented, involve no conflict whatever with our laws, and was perfectly proper.

2d. Your very excellent suggestions in relation to the strict enforcement of the laws are cordially approved, as the sure means of promoting uniformity as well as of securing the general respect.

3d. Your remarks upon the subject of the adaptation of the laws, so as to consult the peculiarities of distant jurisdictions, are not without much force, but a moment's reflection will suffice to show you, that however desirable such a result, it is impossible under the existing relations between the Supreme Grand Body in the United States and foreign jurisdictions. This difficulty can only find its proper solution in time, and will be much accelerated by your early organization into Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge of the United States has manifested a disposition to commit all questions of local government and regulations to foreign Grand Bodies, as soon as such are formed, and at the last session went so far as to modify the fundamental law touching the qualification for membership, as to age, in obedience to an application from the jurisdiction of Australia.

4th. In so far as regards the eligibilty of a Noble Grand to office, to which you refer, our laws amply provide for the re-election of the officers of subordinates. (See Digest, 1350.)

5th. The Digest has been translated into the German language, and is now being examined in manuscript by a competent scholar, with a view to a report on its merits. If approved it will be put to press, and you will soon have copies.

6th. Cards and certificates will be sent to you, *not free*, as there is no authority to that end, but will be charged at the fixed rate of twenty cents, and, with the question of per centage, will be open to your application for remission.

The permission to translate the cards and certificates into the German language is not within my official prerogative, and while I do not venture to authorize it, I may say, with confidence, that inasmuch as the necessity of the measure is so obvious in your jurisdiction, where the German language is exclusively spoken, that I am of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of the United States would approve it. Should you make the translation, be cautious in adhering to the text strictly, and transmit a copy to the Grand Secretary.

I am very much gratified at the prospect which you have of extending the Order to Bavaria and Bohemia, and I trust that you may be able to inspire the German people everywhere with the same devotion for its sublime principles which have actuated you, and which have conquered your splendid rewards.

In so far as you refer to your sense of obligation to your American brethren for the blessing of Odd-Fellowship, be assured, my brother, that the obligation, if any, is reciprocal, since it is often more blessed to give than receive. It is our privilege to rejoice with you at the presence of our beloved Order in the Fatherland, to witness the firm hold which it has taken upon your soil, and to behold in this result the fulfillment of that high law of God, and of our Order, which commands us "to live not in vain."

It has been our experience in this country that the cultivation of kind and fraternal relations with the Masonic Order has proved reciprocally advantageous, and I sincerely commend your views in this regard. In fact, it is no uncommon thing to witness the presence of Masonic Lodges and Knights Templar, in full regalia, in procession with us.

The report of Saxonia Lodge will hereafter be made *annually*, pursuant to a change in the by-laws, and will be made directly to the Grand Secretary. Your own report as D. D. Grand Sire, as usual, will come to the Grand Sire.

With my earnest wish for the prosperity of Saxonia Lodge, and my profound respect for yourself personally,

I am, fraternally and truly yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

SAXONIA LODGE, No. 1, VON SACHSEN,
Berlin, April 12, 1872.

FRED. D. STUART,
R. W. G. S. of the G. L. U. S., Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In accordance with the wishes of the members of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, I have the honor to present to you hereby the copy of a photopraphic group of the officers and majority of members constituting this Lodge at the time of its foundation, asking you to accept the same kindly, as a small token of the deep respect and the sincere friendship we all feel towards you as the head of our beloved Order. Permit me also to take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of my commission as D. D. Grand Sire for Saxony. You have honored me greatly by reposing so high a confidence in me, and I feel deeply the responsibility arising from it, but I shall try to merit your confidence and fulfil your expectations as far as my weak powers will permit. Your esteemed response to my report was also received, and it has given this Lodge, as well as myself, great pleasure and satisfaction to see that our proceedings so far have met with your approval, and that you apparently take so much interest in us and our welfare.

Trusting that we shall continue to have your kind disposition, and tendering you the most respectful and brotherly greeting of all the members of this Lodge, as well as of myself, I remain, dear sir, with the deepest respect,

Yours, very sincerely,

O. ARNOUX, *N. G.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., May 10, 1872

O. ARNOUX, Esq.,
Noble Grand Saxonia Lodge, I. O. O. F., Dresden, Saxony.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: With unusual pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12th April. The photographic group mentioned by you has not yet reached me, but when it comes it will be welcome, I'll assure you. Say to the brothers of "Saxonia" that I heartily appreciate their kind feelings toward me, and trust that I may have the pleasure of telling them, in person, how proud I am of their respect and esteem.

I am glad your commission as D. D. Grand Sire reached you safely, and that you were pleased with the appointment. The position is, indeed, a responsible one, but I have no fear of a failure, on your part, to do all that is required of you. So far you have done nobly. Keep me advised of what is going on, and do not hesitate to ask questions when you are in doubt. I do take an interest in you all, and my heart warms when I think of the new field which has been opened to our Order in Europe, and the new laborers that have been engaged in the glorious work of human benefaction, in the dissemination of the principles of friendship and love. Present my sincere fraternal greetings to the members of Saxonia Lodge, with a heartfelt prayer for their success as individuals and prosperity as a Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

For yourself, accept of the assurance of my fullest confidence and esteem.

Truly yours, FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 12, 1872.

C. HEINRICH, Esq.,
D. D. Grand Sire of the I. O. O. F., Zurich, Switzerland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: A few days ago I was in Baltimore, and had the pleasure of seeing your report and letter to the Grand Secretary concerning our beloved Order in Switzerland. I cannot tell you how delightful it is for your brethren in America to hear of the success of the Order in

your distant land. We are well aware of some of the difficulties attending the efforts of those who have undertaken to establish Odd-Fellowship in a region so remote from the fountain head, and we acknowledge with emotions of real joy the fact that, had not this great work of human benefaction fallen into such hands as yours, and a few others whose hearts have been thoroughly imbued with the pure principles of our glorious institution, the task would have proved useless, the effort would have been vain.

But, thank God, Odd-Fellowship is known in Switzerland, and we look forward with pride to the day when our beautiful banner will be unfurled to the breeze in every valley and on every hill in your happy Republic.

I do not know, my dear brother, that I can give you any advice, except to say, fail not, falter not, weary not in well doing. Let me hear from you frequently. Bear in mind that your interests are our interests, that we desire to share your troubles, if you have any, as we also wish to partake of your pleasures, which we know will be many, and which we are sure will increase as the work goes on.

Present my kindest regards to the brethren of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, and say to them that I shall ever pray for their prosperity as a Lodge, and for their individual happiness and comfort through life.

Fraternally yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20, 1871.

To M. BERNHEIM, Esq.,

D. D. Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., for Wurttemberg.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have been expecting for some time to hear from you, either directly or through our esteemed Grand Secretary, and to learn of the condition of our beloved Order in your jurisdiction. Letters from Berlin, Dresden and Zurich recently received, give us the gratifying assurance that the Order is doing well in these jurisdictions. May we not hope that it is so with you. The great brotherhood on this continent are looking towards Europe with profound interest; aware of the many difficulties in the way of establishing and maintaining our Order anywhere, remote from the source, we naturally feel a deep solicitude for the success of the undertaking; as to the ultimate result, we have no doubt; the fraternity, apart from its beneficial feature, bound with the indissoluble chain of sincere friendship, unfeigned love, and simple truth, will grow in strength and spread wider and wider, until the people of all nations, tongues and creeds are made participators of its peerless blessings.

I presume you received a copy of the diagrams of the emblems of the Order, adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session; and no doubt you have also received a copy of the proceedings of the same session. The Digest of the laws of our Order has been translated into the German language, and will soon be in your possession, I trust. We are also about to have a retranslation of our Ritual; so you see we are preparing for our German acquisitions. When the work commences, for perfect success, much will depend upon the zeal and devotion to the cause of those who are, as you are, entrusted with the sacred interests of our Order. Fail not to bear in mind that you are working for the promotion of the best interests of humanity, not alone for the present, but for all future ages.

I hope to hear from you soon; write frequently, if only to say the work is going on, the prospect bright. Present my kindest fraternal regard to the members of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, and for yourself accept of the assurance of my brotherly love and esteem.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

STUTTGART, March 10, 1872.

FRED. D. STUART, Esq.,
Grand Sire of I. O. O. F., Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I received your kind letter of the 20th of last month, and I will not wait a moment to answer it. Let me assure you that it was not neglect, on my part, in not writing to you before now.

I sent two letters to our esteemed Grand Secretary; the first with the annual report, the second a few weeks ago. He has answered the first one. I requested him to be kind enough to transmit to you the contents of my communications. I received from Bro. WOLLHEIM a copy of the diagrams, for which I sent him a receipt. I received also, by mail, the proceedings of last session and a Digest, but I do not know who sent them.

I hear with great pleasure, in your last, that we are going to have a re-translation of our Ritual. If anything is necessary to help us in our good work here, it is to have a GOOD German translation. The charges by initiation to a candidate, and the lectures of the degrees are, excuse me, to use a vulgar expression, jaw-breaking.

As to the condition of our beloved Order in my jurisdiction, I would refer you to the letters which I wrote to our worthy Grand Secretary. Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, works in every respect as good as any old Lodge in the United States. You will smile at this assertion, but I hope the worthy Grand Lodge will send, some day, a representative to look after us, and you will hear then, from him, that old Wurttemberg is, and I hope will always be, the banner Lodge on the continent. We have now eighty-five members —the attendance is about forty to forty-five per evening. We have, of late, a few brothers sick—we give them benefits and visit them daily. I had the pleasure to confer the Degree of Rebekah on thirteen ladies—the first time in Europe—and already we have some more applications from brothers for their wives.

In the city of Ulm we will shortly have a sister Lodge, so I hope. In a special meeting, held last Sunday, we initiated four gentlemen, and gave them the five degrees, free of charge, and we will do the same to two more —they will then take their cards, and apply to me for a dispensation, which I will grant. No. 2, in my jurisdiction, will plant the banner of humanity on the shores of the blue Danube, and I vouch, with my life, No. 2 will speak for herself in a short period of time.

I close my letter with the assurance to you that, in my jurisdiction, the work is going on brightly, and the prospect of our noble cause is better than I ever expected it. With my best regards and esteem,

I remain, yours, in F., L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.*
Kasernenstrasse, No. 38.

ULM, KINGDOM OF WURTTEMBERG, April 15, 1872.

FRED. D. STUART, Esq.,
Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is to-day my pleasant duty to transmit to you the joyful intelligence that I, with the kind assistance of thirty-two brothers of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, instituted yesterday, April 14th, the second Lodge at the city of Ulm, in my jurisdiction. As Ulm is situated on the shores of the Danube, they named the new Lodge "Donan Lodge," No. 2. They have seven charter members. I installed, after the institution, the following officers: Noble Grand, FRIED. SCHULTES, merchant; Vice Grand, CARL TRICK, county surveyor; Recording Secretary, J. MADER, merchant; Permanent Secretary, they have none; Treasurer, CARL SCHROPPEL, merchant. We owe great thanks to our indefatigable brothers, OTTO SCHŒTTLE, P. G., and PAUL ABELE, as both have done a great deal in Ulm, by their friends, to win the new brothers for our noble and good cause.

Donan, No. 2, has already a fine hall, and a nice set of regalia; the charter members put, themselves, money in their treasury, and take no interest for their laid out cash. Borussia, No. 2, at Berlin, sent them ten thalers for our new sister; Past Grand SCHŒTTLE gave them an elegant pair of gavels; Wurttemberg, No. 1, initiated the seven charter members and gave them the five degrees free of charge; we also made them a present of a scene; I gave them the photograph group of our charter members and a large and splendid photograph album for two hundred pictures.

So you see, dear brother, we do all in our power that our beloved Order shall grow and prosper. I must declare I never saw a finer set of men and better material for a new Lodge than our brothers in Ulm. In my haste I nearly had forgotton to mention to you that, with the help of our members, we initiated yesterday.....candidates; the regular day of meeting is Friday, and they have already some more candidates for next week. Excuse my haste, but I thought it my duty to write before you heard the joyful news from other sources. I sent to-day a copy of this letter to our worthy Grand Secretary RIDGELY. I sent some five weeks ago, on the 10th day of March, an answer to your kind letter, dated February 20th. Please let me known if you received the same. If we have a celebration on the 26th of April it will be a good one, as we are preparing material for No. 3, and we could not celebrate our anniversary better than to give to the Order a new link. I must, in this new move, give my fullest acknowledgments to my friend and brother, Past Grand SCHŒTTLE, who never lets any occasion pass without doing good to our Order. With my best wishes for your health, I remain, Yours, respectfully, in F. L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM, *D. D. G. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
M. BERNHEIM, Esq., Washington, D. C., May 8, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

MY DEAR BROTHER: Returning from a delightful trip through Indiana and Michigan, meeting with and talking to hundreds of brothers in relation to the affairs of our beloved Order, I found your letter dated April 15th, announcing the gratifying intelligence that our beautiful banner had been unfurled in the city of Ulm, Kingdom of Wurttemberg. This is a glorious event, and I congratulate you upon its consummation. You can have no idea, my good brother, how pleasing it is for the great mass of the Order on this side of the Atlantic to learn of the success of our noble institution in Europe. It seems to me that Donan, No. 2, has started under the most favorable auspices.

The kindness of Wurttemberg Lodge in initiating and conferring the five degrees on the seven charter members; the attendance of the thirty-two members of said Lodge on the occasion of the institution; the valuable assistance rendered by Bros. SCHŒTTLE and ABELE; the donation from Borussia Lodge, No. 2, of Berlin; from Past Grand SCHŒTTLE; from Wurttemberg Lodge, and from yourself, speak in a language that cannot be misunderstood of the good fellowship and unity of purpose in our noble cause, which fills the hearts and quickens the souls of the contributors, and tells well for the future.

I notice with pleasure what you say concerning the character of the men who compose the new Lodge, and your remarks about the hall, regalia, &c. Already, you say, a number have been initiated in Donan Lodge, and more candidates are waiting admission. Truly you have done well, and nobly deserve the commendations of your brethren everywhere. Say to the members of Donan Lodge, No. 2, that my heart is with them, and my earnest prayers shall be for their success in the great work in which they are engaged. To you, my esteemed brother, I say, weary not; do all you can to extend the bounds and enlarge the usefulness of our Order.

I trust the members of the Order in Stuttgart celebrated the 26th of April, and that your anticipations of a good time were fully realized. You say you are preparing material for No. 3. Be careful that the third link is composed of untarnished metal, and that each addition to the golden chain may add to the strength and usefulness of the institution. Soon you will be able to have a Grand Lodge of your own, and thus take in hands the management, in detail, of your own affairs; then many difficulties, now existing, will be removed. You must excuse me for not replying to your welcome letter of 10th of March; it came while I was much engaged, and before I could reply to it I was obliged to visit several Lodges away from home. I take occasion to say that I am kept fully posted in regard to European affairs by our esteemed Grand Secretary, and I know that he writes frequently to our brethren across the water, which relieves me much. I am glad you received the diagrams, proceedings of last session and Digest. No doubt the Grand Secretary sent them, as he informed me of his intention to do so.

Yes, we are trying to have a retranslation of the German charge and degree books; but there are difficulties in the way, which will delay the work for a while. We must have a *good* translation. Some are of the opinion that it would be best to leave it with each of the European jurisdictions; and that may have to be done to insure perfect success. There is certainly a great diversity of opinion here in reference to the matter, but the work will be done. I am very much pleased at what you say in regard to the working of Wurttemberg, No. 1, and while I may smile at your remark, I have no reason to doubt the truth of your assertion. I hope it may please the Grand Lodge of the United States to send, at no distant day, a competent brother to see what you are about, and to cheer you on in the cause. You say Wurttemberg is the banner-Lodge on the continent; see that it continues to be so. With 85 members, cannot you begin to think about an Encampment? The introduction of the Patriarchal branch of the Order into your jurisdiction will create an interest among the brethren which will soon be felt.

I am delighted to learn that the brothers have taken an interest in the Degree of Rebekah, and that already a little array of ladies have enlisted with you in the work of benevolence and peace. Go on my good brother—be that the word—and God will richly reward you and those who are associated with you in your efforts in the cause of humanity.

Remember me in love to the members of your Lodge, and present my fraternal greetings to the ladies of Rebekah. I hope to have the pleasure some day of taking you all by the hand.

Truly yours, FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

FRED. D. STUART, Esq., STUTTGART, June 30, 1872.
Grand Sire, G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRE AND BROTHER: Excuse me for not answering your kind letter of May 8th, but you will see from the letters which I send regularly to our worthy Grand Secretary that I work hard for our beloved Order in my jurisdiction, and things do not always go on so smoothly as they do in older jurisdictions. Most of the work is laid on my shoulder, and Donau Lodge, No. 2, in Ulm, requires my fullest attention to bring it up to a good working Lodge. The members have the best of spirit, but, to use a vulgar expression, they are too green in the work of the Order, and it is too expensive to travel every week up to them, but I hope in a short time they will be all right. Since my last letter to you, I instituted here in Stuttgart, Schiller Lodge, No. 3, with an excellent set of officers. The young offspring is doing well. I read in our organ, "Herz and Hand," that you lost a hopeful son. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy, and may God prevent your

house from any further misfortune to the end of your days. Hoping that my letter may find you in the best health and spirits, I remain,

Yours truly, in F., L. and T., M. BERNHEIM,
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

P. S.—Please accept my photograph likeness.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., July 23, 1872.

MY DEAR BROTHER BERNHEIM: I acknowledge with pleasure your favor of the 30th ult., and tender you my warmest thanks for the sympathetic sentiments you express in regard to the death of my son. It was a sad affliction; so sudden; so unlooked for.

You need not make an apology for not answering my letter promptly; all is right; I hear frequently from our esteemed Grand Secretary, and besides, I see him almost every week when I am not far from home, and know what is going on in Europe. I am sorry to learn that things sometimes do not go on smoothly, so far as the Order is concerned, with you, but I have no fear of the result. I know you work hard, and I am sure you will be richly rewarded.

No doubt the brothers in Ulm are, as you say, "green," but your attention will change their color after awhile, though doubtless at a cost of much trouble and expense to yourself.

I rejoice to learn that another link has been added to the chain in Wurttemberg. What a "bond of union"—Schiller, No. 3. Present my kindest fraternal regards to the brethren composing the Lodge, and say that I am delighted to be able to hail them as part and parcel of our great brotherhood. God bless their efforts in the cause of human benefaction. Love, in its purity to the members of the first-born—Wurttemberg, No. 1—may joy be with them all their days.

Thanks for the picture. There is one of mine, said to be good. Write when you can. With sentiments of love and esteem, I am,

Truly yours, FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 22, 1872.

J. A. BIBBY, Esq.,
Island of Barbadoes, W. I.

DEAR SIR: I am impressed with the idea, that a letter written to you, dated December 1st, 1869, by JAMES L. RIDGELY, (who sent you some books,) and also one written by myself, dated November 7th, 1870, in reference to the establishment of the American Order of Odd-Fellowship in your island, never reached you, and I again address you on the subject. You are not, perhaps, aware that the American Order is, this day, flourishing in Her Majesty's dominions on this continent. In the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, we have several thousands of members. Also, in Australia, where there are not less than five thousand Odd-Fellows affiliated with the Order in America. Of late we have established Lodges in Prussia, Switzerland, Saxony and Wurttemberg, and we have reason to believe that a Lodge has been instituted in Lima, Peru. So you see our Order is not confined to the United States. From the nature of your enquiries, (letter November 6th, 1869,) concerning our Order, we have been led to believe, that all you need is information to induce you to make the effort to start a Lodge in Barbadoes. If the books, &c., sent by Grand Secretary RIDGELY did not reach you, please inform me, and others will be sent. Whatever your determination, I should be glad to hear from you.

Respectfully yours, FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

MAGAZINE LANE,
FRED. D. STUART, Esq., Barbadoes, March 29, 1872.
Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Your esteemed favor of the 22d February last duly reached me, wherein you state that you had written a letter to me under date 7th November, 1870, which letter I regret to say has never come to hand. I duly received Mr. JAMES L. RIDGELY'S letter dated 1st November, 1869, with the two books, and I must apologize for not having acknowledged the receipt of it; but the fact is, that my ardor was somewhat dampened in my endeavors to establish a Lodge of Odd-Fellows when I read the laws and rules of the Grand Lodge of the United States in one of the books sent out to me. I specially refer to the rule which states that no person shall become an Odd-Fellow unless he be a *free white man, &c.* By that rule it would appear that no person of *color*, however high their standing in merit and position in the social scale is, would be eligible for membership under the American rules. I am white myself, and would to some extent like to draw a line of demarkation, where people of color do not possess merit and position, but when they possess it, I do not think, in a small island like this, that it would be policy to do so. Out of a population of about 180,000 people in the island, we have about 20,000 whites, and we also have people of color sitting as magistrates, and in practice as solicitors and barristers, and some of them proprietors of plantations in the island, and also doing business as merchants. There is a Lodge of Odd-Fellows here, working under an English charter, (the Manchester Unity,) but it has not more than six white members in it. I have several times had an idea of joining it myself, but I have been deterred from the fear of meeting people of color there who I would not like to associate with, as a great portion of them are not of that social standard one would like to admit to his house. I would take much interest and pleasure in forming a Lodge here, if it were practicable with the rule referred to, but I do not see that we could form a Lodge here, with all whites, without admitting some people of color into our Lodge. If you could tell me some way how this difficulty is to be got over, I should then ask you to grant us a charter to work a Lodge here, but I must tell you, that you would have to send out members from the Grand Lodge to open it for us, and to instruct us in the several degrees of Odd-Fellowship, as none of the parties, myself included, have ever been Odd-Fellows. The books sent out got mislaid in some way or other, and I will feel thankful if you will send me some more of them. I shall be glad to hear from you again on this subject. I am, dear sir, yours respectfully,

J. A. BIBBY.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

J. A. BIBBY, Esq. Baltimore, April 27, 1872.

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 29th ultimo, to Grand Sire STUART, was received in due course of mail, and in consequence of his absence from his home on official business in the Northwest, I beg to reply to its interesting contents. This is the first intimation received by us from you since my reply to your last communication, and we are highly gratified to be relieved from the suspense imposed by your continued silence. I was, in some degree, apprehensive that my dispatch had failed to reach you, and hence the letter of the Grand Sire was resorted to, to test this doubt. Yours is, therefore, a relief in this particular, and affords the opportunity of continuing a correspondence which may ultimate in accomplishing a public good. The book sent contains, in a few words, a general description of our Order. It is published by authority of our Supreme Grand Body expressly for the purpose of presenting to the world such a representation of Odd-Fellowship and its

principles. It is called "Odd-Fellowship; What Is It?" and is known as a standard tract on Odd-Fellowship. It was sent to you as a concise medium of instruction on the subject upon which you wish for information. With this authority in your possession, you are able to form definite views of the character of the Order, and of its adaptation to your people. As a result of your examination of this work, you perceive a difficulty in the qualification "as to color," which our laws prescribe, and proceed to discuss its inaptitude to Barbadoes by reason of the fact that the prohibition draws a line of demarkation without respect to merit and position which, in your judgment, would be impolitic in a small island such as Barbadoes. You also inform us, that out of a population of 180,000 people in the island, there are but 20,000 whites, whilst people of color, many of them highly cultivated and refined, are acting as magistrates, practising as solicitors, doing business as merchants, and occupying high social positions.

We are well aware of the facts you state, and perceive at once, under the circumstances, that our Order under its existing constitutional qualifications, in this regard, would not address itself to the popular sympathy in the island, and hence would be comparatively so exclusive as to endanger its prosperity, and probably its existence. We have, nevertheless, in the face of these difficulties, not hesitated to introduce it into Australia and South America, and the Sandwich Islands, where the same disabilities and impediments are found. In Germany American Odd-Fellowship has also been successfully established, and promises to diffuse itself, thence throughout Europe. It would not be profitable for me at this time to enter into a discussion upon the propriety or policy of this organic feature in our system, further then to observe that it was evidently designed to conserve our social harmony and fellowship, and to prevent conflicts which might arise in this direction, in view of the general sentiment of our people upon the subject. In introducing our Order into foreign countries, we have been met with the experience which your letter supplies, viz., That many of the inhabitants and natives of such countries are not of the Caucasian family, and are consequently disqualified from membership, from that cause. At a former period in our history, this subject was elaborately considered and discussed in our Supreme Grand Body at the instance of Lodge No. 1, of Honolulu. The natives of the Sandwich group are recognized as of the Polynesian family, many of whom, by their intercourse with Americans and Europeans in trade, by the introduction of white men as teachers among them, by the invitation of the King of distinguished jurists and scientific men from abroad, have had good opportunities of reaching a high order of civilization, and have profited by it so successfully as to have attained wonderful proficiency. Our brethren in the island were desirous of initiating many worthy men of this class, including the King himself, but our laws denied them the privilege. An appeal was made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, but without success. It is true that this decision was made so far back as 1857, at a period when the aspect of this subject in this country was very different from its present complexion.

What time may accomplish, and the pressure of the general sentiment abroad in favor of a modification of the rule, as to foreign countries, it is impossible to predict, yet I will venture the opinion, that our Supreme Grand Lodge will, at no distant day, put this question to rest. In fact, I do not perceive how it can be much longer postponed, as it is presented annually by all our foreign jurisdictions. Under this statement of the case, it is for you to decide what is the proper course to be pursued in the premises. Whilst we do not advise, we may say, that we will cordially grant a charter upon proper application, and think it highly probable that we might be able to send a person out to organize a Lodge in Barbadoes and to instruct the members. There is, however, another subject worthy of consideration upon which you appear to be silent. Is there any local or municipal law which interferes with secret societies in the island? If there is, we are scrupu-

lously exact in our deference to the laws of all countries, and would, under no circumstances, infringe them. Inasmuch as you mention the existence of a Lodge of Odd-Fellows, under the Manchester Unity, I presume that no statute of the kind exists. Allow me to say, in this connection, that American Odd-Fellowship is a very different thing in comparison with the Order under the Manchester Unity. I happen to know both Orders from personal experience, and venture to assure you, that there is no more similitude between the two than may be found to exist between two distinct colors, or between two antagonisms. Ours is a high moral institution, inculcating character, loyalty to government wherever it exists, humanity, and earnest obedience to all the relations of life, as they are recognized by the highest standards. In combination with which, it is also a beneficial society, securing its members and their families against want in sickness, and providing decent sepulture in the event of death, succor to the widow, and parental care for the orphaned children.

I have sent, herewith, a copy of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, September session, 1871, from which you will be able to form some approximate idea of the magnitude of the American Order of Odd-Fellows. I send also, six copies of the tract—"Odd-Fellowship; What Is It?" With respect, I am your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, Nov. 2, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Knowing that you take a deep interest in our Order and our Lodge at Honolulu, I take the liberty to address you.

You are well aware that we formerly had an Encampment called "Polynesian Encampment," with a charter from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and which was returned by me when I held the office of D. D. Grand Sire.

Of late we have added to the membership of "Excelsior Lodge" a number of good Odd-Fellows, and the Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and a number of the new members are very anxious to have the Encampment revived. As you are aware, we had an Encampment charter from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and our Lodge now holds its charter from the Grand Lodge of California, and not wishing to be discourteous to them, I would request you to inform me if we can ask from the Grand Lodge of the United States a renewal of the former Encampment charter, or must we obtain a new one from the Grand Lodge of California.

We have sent from our Lodge the sum of $318 to the distressed Odd-Fellows of Chicago, to assist them with our mite in their sad time of distress and trial.

There is one matter which I wish to speak about. We have in our community a large number of half whites. They are the sons of American and English residents married in the country. They are well educated, and speak, read and write the English language as fluently as our foreign residents. We associate with them and transact business with them, but, by the laws of the Grand Lodge, we cannot admit them to our Order, while the Masonic Lodges admit them to membership, which is a great disadvantage to us. There are a number of our brothers who are married to the female half whites, and we have always admitted them to the Rebekah Degree, and it seems hard that the males cannot be admitted, or at least we have always thought we could not. Will you do me the favor to inform me what is your opinion, and that of the Grand Sire, on this question, as we think that we should be allowed to receive such persons to membership.

To return to the Encampment. We have with us fifteen Patriarchs, who

are willing to take hold of it again. Will you also inform me what the charter will cost, and if we can obtain the charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, we will forward the application.

The members of "Excelsior Lodge" wish to be remembered to you, and send kind regards.

Trusting a kind Providence will watch over you in your declining years, I remain, my dear sir and brother,

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth, W. C. PARK.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1872.

WM. C. PARK, Esq., *Honolulu, Oahu.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your letter to the R. W. Grand Secretary, dated November 2d, was duly received. I am delighted to learn that Excelsior Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and hope that it may increase in membership with men of sterling worth. The contribution made by your Lodge towards the relief of the sufferers of our Order at Chicago, speaks well of the brothers in Honolulu, and is abundant evidence of their high appreciation of the glorious principles of our noble institution. While the great fire at Chicago brought distress upon thousands who are part and parcel of us, that event had the effect to show what our Order is, and to enhance the value and elevate the character of Odd-Fellowship more than any thing else that has happened since the day our beautiful banner was first unfurled on the American continent.

In regard to the re-establishment of "Polynesian" Encampment, you say you have fifteen Patriarchs with you who are willing to unite in the institution of an Encampment. Let the proper number (seven) make application to the *officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States* for the revival of the charter of Polynesian Encampment, stating who were members of the defunct Encampment and who were not. See the recent law of Grand Lodge of United States about restoration of charters, fee, &c. (Digest, page 75, sec. 341, or Journal G. L. U. S., pages 4886 and 4926.) The Digest, pages 237, 238, sec. 1093, 1098, will answer your inquiry in reference to the admission of half whites into our Order better than anything I can say. By-the-by, have you a copy of the recent Digest? Sec. 1098 says, "nor are half-breeds, or males of mixed blood, who are recognized by the law as citizens and voters," eligible to membership in the Order. I have reason to believe that so far as the Order in the Sandwich Islands is concerned, the admission of half whites would be a benefit to it, but we cannot violate laws.

Present my kindest fraternal regards to the brethren of Excelsior Lodge; some of them will, no doubt, remember my visit to Honolulu in 1854, and also the fact that years before that period I visited Oahu several times. I am sorry to say that our much esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY, is suffering with a severe cold, and unable to be at his office.

Truly yours, FRED. D. STUART.

I. O. O. F.

PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING.

WHEREAS the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, "the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America," did, by resolution unanimously adopted, establish the 26th of April, 1819, as the natal day of our Order;

AND WHEREAS, in conformity to that historic record, it did ordain that

the said day, in each succeeding year, should be observed as its anniversary in some appropriate manner:

Now, therefore, I, FRED. D. STUART, M. W. Grand Sire, do hereby fraternally recommend that the 26th day of April, 1872, be dedicated by the proper authorities of our Order in the several jurisdictions, to such form of observance as they may respectively deem to be appropriate. We have not only abundant cause for heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us as individual members of society, but likewise have an especial reason to be thankful for the large and generous prosperity which it has pleased Him to vouchsafe to our united labors.

Done at the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1872, and of our Order the fifty-third.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. S.*

On motion of Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, the report was referred to a special committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. MEDOLE, of New York; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; MCCRANEY, of Iowa; SILBER, of Wisconsin, and THOMPSON, of Missouri, as the committee.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary has the honor to submit, in conformity with law, his annual report. The duties assigned to him to be performed during vacation are comprehended, it is believed, in the following resolutions:

DUTIES DEVOLVED UPON GRAND SECRETARY DURING RECESS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to furnish each representative, not heretofore supplied, with one copy of the Book of Forms.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to forward to SAMUEL E. MAY, P. G. M., a complete set of the revised Journal, Digest, and proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

3. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and requested to forward by mail, postage paid, the number of the revised Journal of this session to each officer, member, representative, and P. G. representative which, by resolution, they are entitled to; also the copies of the daily proceedings which have not been furnished.

4. *Resolved*, That a full bound copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge and a copy of the Digest be furnished to officers, members and representatives who have not received the same.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary cause to be sent to the officers and representatives, postage prepaid, the copies of the daily Journal they are entitled to and have not yet received.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to issue circulars to the different jurisdictions, asking full statistical information as to what they have done and are doing in establishing schools, colleges, asylums, libraries,

general relief associations and charity funds, showing amounts subscribed and expended, and the mode and plans of operation, and such other information as may be necessary to enable this Grand Body to fully understand the subject.

7. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to subscribe and pay for each periodical and newspaper published in the exclusive interest and by the authority of the Order, and that the same be placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

8. *Resolved*, That authority be given to the R. W. G. Sire and R. W. G. Secretary to procure such aid as will accomplish the long-needed proper and grammatical translation in German of the Ritual of our Order, the same to be submitted for approval to a special committee of three, conversant with the German language, to examine such translation, with power to cause the same to be printed if found correct.

9. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Sire and the R. W. G. Secretary be authorized to execute a power of attorney to the R. W. Grand Treasurer to enable him to collect from the U. S. Treasury the amount of certain registered bonds of the United States which, by the circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, are to be presented for redemption on or before the first day of December, 1871, and all payment of interest on said bonds will cease at that time; and it therefore becomes necessary to authorize some one to collect the principal of said bonds, in order that the amount may be reinvested.

10. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby authorized to distribute, free of charge, to the jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Body, the tract entitled, "Odd-Fellowship: What is it?"

11. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to enter into a contract with Messrs. ELLIS & KENNEDY, for the printing of the revised Journal of this session, in accordance with their proposal herewith submitted; the paper on which it is printed to be not less in weight than fifty-six pounds per ream, sized and calendered.

12. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to credit the Grand Encampment of Vermont with the dues paid by the Subordinate Encampments of said jurisdiction to this R. W. Grand Lodge for the term ending June 30, 1871, the Grand Encampment of Vermont having been instituted prior to that date.

13. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby heartily tendered to the special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE, for his faithful labors in his German mission, and that we appreciate the same, as of the utmost service to the interest of this Grand Body and the brotherhood at large.

14. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Baron GEROLT and Prince BISMARCK, of the German Empire; to the generous governments of Wurttemberg, Prussia, Saxony and Switzerland; to our Ministers, GEORGE BANCROFT, of Berlin, and HORACE RUBLEE, of Switzerland; to our Consul, O. H. IRISH, at Dresden, and H. S. M. BYERS, of Zurich, for their aid in securing the privilege of establishing our Order in Germanic Nations.

15. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to cause to be published in the revised Journal of the present session of this Grand Lodge such portions of correspondence pertaining to the matters of the German mission as he may deem to be of interest to the Order at large.

16. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary forward copies of these resolutions to the several persons and Lodges named therein, and that he be authorized to forward such number of copies of the Journal and other documents, to the said persons and Lodges, and to such other persons as to him may seem proper.

17. *Resolved*, That the vote of thanks this day passed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois be handsomely transcribed on the same card upon which the photographic group of the members of the Grand Lodge is printed, under the care of the representatives of the State of Illinois, at the expense of this Grand Lodge.

18. *Resolved*, That the discriminating and intelligent labor, which has made the Digest of the legislation and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, merits our hearty approval, and the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Brother JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Representative, for the efficient manner in which he has performed the onorous duty of preparing the Digest and superintending the printing.

19. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Grand Lodge room, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for such an amount as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

20. *Resolved*, That as the charge against the R. W. Grand Encampment of North Carolina is for three years' representative and tax accruing after the demise of said Grand Encampment, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to enter a credit to that Grand Encampment for the amount so charged.

21. *Resolved*, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., gratefully appreciate the complete and well managed arrangements made by the brotherhood in Chicago for our reception, entertainment and pleasure during the present session, and hereby tender to them, one and all, our cordial and f aternal thanks for their active and untiring efforts to render our stay amongst them pleasant and profitable.

22. *Resolved*, That we are especially indebted to Brother J. WARD ELLIS, P. G. M., the President; to Brother E. B. SHERMAN, Secretary of the General Committee of Arrangements, and the members of the same generally, for their assiduous and laborious exertions in carrying out the difficult duties of that committee, so admirably and completely conducted with regard to our comfort and pleasure, almost anticipating every wish, that they have left us nothing to ask or desire.

23. *Resolved*, That to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and to the members generally of this State, as well as those of Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and other States, whose magnificent ovation to this R. W. Grand Lodge by the greatest public display of the Order ever held in the West, on Tuesday last, was a feature of our "Chicago Session," our thanks are also due, and are hereby gratefully tendered.

24. *Resolved*, That we also tender to Brother JOHN G. RODGERS, P. G. M. and P. G. R., our thanks for the fraternal and lavish hospitality extended to us at his residence in Chicago, an incident of our stay here which we will gratefully remember.

25. *Resolved*, That to the Republic Life Insurance Company for a supply of stationery—to Col. WOOD, proprietor of "Wood's Museum," for invitations to visit that institution; to Messrs. R. M. HOOLEY and FRANK E. AIKEN, of "Hooley's Opera House," for a similar courtesy; to Alderman BUSSE and Capt. GEO. MILLER, and the Messrs. MYERS, of the "Chicago Belle," for a pleasure excursion on that steamer; to the Board of Police Commissioners for detailing men as an escort and guides on several occasions; to H. M. SHERWOOD, for desks and furniture provided for our use; to the Chamber of Commerce, for an invitation to visit that institution; and to Superintendent PICKARD, of the Public Schools, for a similar invitation; to J. K. THOMPSON, Superintendent of the Board of Public Works, for special courtesies, rendering our excursions about the city pleasant; and to the railroads and hotels, for a reduction of fare, our thanks are hereby cordially returned.

26. *Resolved*, That our thanks and the thanks of the entire Order are due

and are hereby sincerely tendered to the press of Chicago, for their full, correct, and valuable reports of our proceedings, as well as for their courteous notices of our Order and of this Grand Lodge, publishing widely to our great brotherhood over the country, as they have done, early reports of our work here.

27. *Resolved*, That to the citizens of Chicago generally, for their kindness and hospitality extended towards us in many ways, we return our appreciative and sincere thanks, and in leaving their city for our homes, we will bear with us pleasant recollections of their enterprise, generosity and intelligence, evinced in the many fine and well-managed public institutions and public works which we have visited, a credit to their advancement in the highest christian civilization—in the academies of learning, science and art, and public libraries, evidence of intelligence, culture and of wealth rightly used—in the numerous manufactories and large mercantile establishments, the extensive docks and shipping, and the countless railroads and canals, evidences of that enterprise, industry and thrift that have in a wonderfully few years created from an almost unpeopled solitude a great, busy, populous, wealthy mart of commerce, at once the wonder of the country and the pride of the great Empire of the West.

28. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and the R. W. Grand Representatives from Maryland, residing in the city of Baltimore, constitute a Committee on Printing; and they are hereby authorized to contract for the printing of "Charge Books," Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports, the daily and revised Journal, and all other printing of whatsoever kind which may be required for the use of this Grand Lodge.

29. *Resolved*, That article 28 of the By-Laws be so amended that it shall read as follows:

Six weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one of the daily papers of the city in which such session is to be held, to invite proposals for printing the daily and revised Journal of this body, including the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports; the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal ready for distribution, the printing to be done according to the style of the revised Journal. The matter of the revised Journal to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purpose of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state as near as practicable in the advertisement; and such proposals for the said work shall be opened and examined four weeks previous to the session of the Grand Lodge, by the Committee on Printing, composed of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and the R. W. Grand Representatives of Maryland, residing in the city of Baltimore, at which time the contracts shall be awarded.

The several resolutions, numbered one, two, three, four and five have been carried into effect.

The sixth resolution was complied with at an early day, after the appearance of the revised Journal. A circular letter, a copy of which is subjoined, was prepared and addressed in printed form to each Grand Jurisdiction. Such replies as have been received will be laid before the appropriate committee.

In conformity with the seventh resolution I have applied for the bills of the several periodicals, published in the exclusive interest and by authority of the Order, and in so far as they have been rendered, have certified the same to the Grand Treasurer for payment; I have caused the periodicals received, a list of which is annexed, to be placed as the resolution directs, in the archives of the Order.

Touching the eighth resolution, which refers to a very grave and important subject, the Grand Sire, who is charged with it, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, will report fully, and it is therefore not necessary for me to say more in that connection, that the views presented by him have had my cordial concurrence.

The ninth resolution was obeyed promptly upon the requisition of the Grand Treasurer, by the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, and the duty therein devolved upon the Grand Treasurer was carried into effect by that worthy officer without delay. His report will supply the details of information needed upon the subject.

The tenth resolution has, to some extent, been availed of by the several Grand Jurisdictions. There have been comparatively but few applications for the standard Tract, entitled "Odd-Fellowship: What Is It?" upon the terms prescribed, viz., gratuitous distribution. Whilst on this subject, I beg to make one or two remarks which may be worthy of consideration.

This document was designed for general circulation in secular circles, for distribution outside of the Order, in fact, as it name indicates, it was to serve the purpose of a "Tract," the particular office and sphere of which is well understood. The preparation of the paper was, by the general wish of the committee, to which the subject was referred, devolved upon the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who cheerfully acquited himself of the service. Although approved by the Grand Sire, then in office, and by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it has signally failed to accomplish success, whether from the want of merit in the composition, from its non-adaptation to the original idea, from the inapplicability of the means to the end, or from all these deficiencies combined, it is perhaps difficult to decide. The fact of its failure appears: comparatively few of them were sold, and fewer still have been applied for, as a free gift. Under these circumstances, the undersigned feeling that perhaps a sense of delicacy and restraint, arising out of a personal respect for him, as the author of the paper, may have prevented legislation on the subject, suggests very respectfully, that the "Standard Tract" be referred to a committee to enquire what modification, or revision thereof, is necessary to adapt it profitably to the object originally intended.

A contract was entered into with Brothers Ellis & Kennedy, of Chicago, in conformity with the eleventh resolution, for printing the revised Journal of the last session. In consequence of the calamitous fire which desolated that then beautiful city, and by which the establishment in which this work was being printed was destroyed, it became necessary for the contractors to seek some other place in which to execute their contract. After the delay, unavoidable by reason of the circumstances, arrangements were made by these brethren for reproducing the work in Philadelphia, at the office of Brothers Burk & Caldwell. I am happy to say that the book has given very general satisfaction, as a decided improvement upon all its predecessors, and although it did not make its appearance until late in January, the contractors deserve credit for unremitting efforts as well to accelerate the publication as to insure the faithful performance of the contract. The subject of printing has become one of great importance to the Grand Lodge, in view of the fact that the outlay for that purpose amounts to fully one-third of its entire income, and is annually growing in amount. It is time, therefore, that greater interest should be manifested in providing suitable legislation, to insure as well economy in this disbursement as fidelity in the execution of the work. I beg to refer to the suggestions on this subject contained in the Grand Sire's report, which appear to be wise and appropriate.

The twelfth resolution has been carried into effect.

I have had great pleasure in executing the very agreeable office prescribed in the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th resolutions. The resolutions of thanks to special D. G. Sire Morse, to Baron Gerolt, to Prince Bismarck,

to GEORGE BANCROFT, American Minister, to the governments of Wurttemberg, Prussia, Saxony and Switzerland, each, have been engrossed in print in beautiful style upon diploma form, and subscribed by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. The resolutions of thanks to HORACE RUBLEE, of Switzerland, to our Consul, O. H. IRISH, at Dresden, and H. S. BYERS, of Zurich, have each been engrossed upon official paper in manuscript. These documents, accompanied with special letters, have all been transmitted through Brother WOLLHEIM, D. D. G. Sire for Prussia, for presentation by the several D. D. G. Sires to the respective parties for which designed. Copies of each, with accompanying letters, are herewith presented. For great assistance in the preparation of these papers, I am indebted to the M. W. Grand Sire, to whom I beg to make public acknowledgment.

The seventeenth resolution could not be complied with, in consequence of the sad loss by fire of the beautiful photographic group of the members of the Grand Lodge, so admirably executed by Mr. C. D. MOSHER, the artist, at Chicago.

Resolution eighteen has been, with great pleasure, obeyed. I caused the vote of thanks, so meritoriously voted to the distinguished author of the Digest, handsomely engrossed on a diploma blank, properly attested, to be transmitted to him, accompanied with an official letter from the Grand Secretary, which, together with the reply, is herewith submitted. In connection with the subject of the Digest, I remark that the sixth volume of the Journal should be indexed after the former system, in order to render the series uniform in this respect.

Touching the nineteenth resolution, I have to report that the Grand Sire's portrait has not yet been completed. That of Brother FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, previously ordered, has been received from the artist, and now adorns the gallery of the Grand Lodge of United States. I respectfully suggest that in all future resolutions for such objects, a definite sum should be named, in order that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer may be relieved of responsibility in the premises.

The series of resolutions from twenty to twenty-seven, inclusive, all being expressive of the high sense of appreciation entertained by the Grand Lodge for the splendid reception and hospitalities experienced by it at the hands of the brotherhood, public authorities and private citizens of Chicago on the occasion of its assemblage in that city in September last, have each been carried into effect. To each of the officers of the Committee of Arrangements, Brothers ELLIS and SHERMAN, and also to Brother RODGERS, your vote of thanks has been presented, engrossed in print, in the body of a blank diploma, signed by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, accompanied by appropriate letters from the Grand Secretary in your behalf, copies of which accompany this report. To the several other parties to which the Grand Lodge voted its especial acknowledgments in this regard, communications to that effect have also been transmitted by the Grand Secretary, with accompanying complimentary letters, copies of which are herewith submitted.

The twenty-eighth resolution has been executed by the committee charged with its performance, from which a special report will be made.

The twenty-ninth resolution, or 28th article of the by-laws, has been obeyed by the publication of invitations for proposals for printing the daily and revised Journals and Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports, conformably to the specifications of said By-Law, in the Baltimore American, one of the daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, six weeks previous to the holding of the present session, a copy of which publication is annexed.

LIBRARY OF GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES.

This institution consists of 179 volumes, handsomely bound, a catalogue of which accompanies this report. It is a source of unfeigned gratification

to me to say, that after several years of active effort, I have measurably succeeded in securing, so far as is possible, the complete Journal of most of the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, and also copies of most of the periodicals which have been published in the interest of our Order, as well as many speeches and public addresses in pamphlet form, and other papers connected with its progress, which now comprise this valuable historic collection. I am greatly indebted to our periodical press for this success, and beg to name, with sentiments of grateful appreciation, the "Heart and Hand," as especially worthy of your public acknowledgments in this regard. Words of commendation from me, touching the value of this acquisition, would be superogatory, I am very sure, as every representative and every zealous Odd-Fellow must naturally feel an instinctive pride in this possession as one of our greatest treasures. To perfect it and to preserve it against the contingency of fire should now be our chief concern, and to this end I earnestly invite your co-operation. I suggest as a suitable way of perfecting the Journals of the several Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, that an especial request be made of the respective Grand Bodies, of whose history they form so important a part, to reprint their deficient numbers, and in the event of the inability or indisposition of any of them to comply with this invitation, that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to have the same printed at the expense of the Grand Lodge of United States. I also recommend as a means of guarding against the loss of this property by fire, that an effort be made to obtain a duplicate of this library, to be deposited in the Astor Library at New York, the Library of the Smithsonian Institute, or some public library in Philadelphia, and that a suitable appropriation be made to enable the Grand Secretary to carry this purpose into effect. An appropriation is suggested for the reason that it is believed that a liberal compensation would have its influence in bringing many books to light which are now obscured from observation, as old lumber, and because many brothers who may have already incurred expense in collecting and properly binding these works for private use, would be more ready to apply them to so good a purpose, if reimbursed their expenses.

I beg to make public acknowledgment to Brother E. J. Peck, P. G. M., of New Jersey, for his generous offer to furnish for this object his whole collection, which embraces nearly a hundred volumes, the careful accumulation of years, and also to render to him in this public manner, great credit for having given me this valuable suggestion.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS IN GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES LIBRARY.

Journals of Grand Bodies.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, from 1821 to 1870.

Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1 vol., 1848.
" " " " " 1 vol., 1853.
" " " " " 1 vol., 1857.
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" " " " " 1 vol., 1871.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, vol. 2, from 1858 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, vol. 1, from 1853 to 1859, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, vol. 2, from 1860 to 1864, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, vol. 3, from 1865 to 1868, inclusive. Balance to 1871 in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of California, 1 vol., from 1855 to 1862, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of California, 1 vol., from 1863 to 1870, inclusive.

Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of California, 1 vol., 1865.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, vol. 2, from 1850 to 1860, inclusive. Balance to 1870 in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, 1 vol., from 1843 to 1866, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, 1 vol., from 1867 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, complete in pamphlet.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, 1 vol., from 1857 to 1866, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, also from 1865 to 1872.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, vol. 1, from 1847 to 1856, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, vol. 2, from 1857 to 1870, inclusive. Previous to 1847, not in print.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, 1 vol., from 1846 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, 1 vol., from 1851 to 1858, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets, except 1862–63–64–65 and 66.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, 1 vol., from 1848 to 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, vol. 2, from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1838 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1847 to 1853, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1854 to 1867, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, vol. from 1850 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, vol. from 1846 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, vol. from 1850 to 1854, inclusive. Balance incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, vol. from 1848 to 1860, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, vol. from 1861 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, vol. from 1852 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, complete in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, vol. from Dec. 22, 1846, to Feb'y 14, 1855.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, vol. from July 23, 1855, to February 7, 1870.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in MS., from Dec. 24, 1832, to Dec. 18, 1846.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1 vol., from 1844 to 1845.

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1 vol., 1844.

Index and Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1 vol., 1862.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1821 to 1837, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1838 to 1846, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1847 to 1848, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1849 to 1850, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1851 to 1854, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1855 to 1856, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. 1857–58 and 59.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. 1860–61–62 and 63, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. 1864–65–66 and 67, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, vol. from 1831 to 1856, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, vol. from 1865 to 1870, inclusive. Intermediate incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1823 to 1846, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1847 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1853 to 1859, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1859 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, vol. from 1844 to 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Digest of Decisions, Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1 vol., 1868.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, vol. 1, from 1845 to 1850, inclusive. Balance incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, vol. from 1853 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, vol 1, from 1838 to 1853, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, vol. 2, from 1854 to 1860, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, vol. 3, from 1861 to 1867, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, vol. from 1848 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, vol. from 1845 to 1857, inclusive; 1844 wanting—from 1857 to 1872 in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, vol. from 1867 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, vol. from 1843 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, vol. 2, from 1852 to 1856, inclusive. None printed after 1856.

Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 1 vol. 1866.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, vol. 2, from 1853 to 1864, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, vol. 3, from 1865 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, 1 vol., from 1843 to 1867, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 1, from 1837 to 1841, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 2, from 1841 to 1843, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 3, from 1843 to 1845, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 4, from 1845 to 1846, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 5, from 1846 to 1848, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 6, from 1848 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 7, from 1851 to 1855, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 8, from 1855 to 1860, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 9, from 1860 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, vol. 10, from 1865 to 1870, inclusive. Proceedings previous to 1837 wanting.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Southern New York, vol. 1, from 1839 to 1848, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Southern New York, vol. 2, from 1849 to 1860, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. from 1850 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. from 1852 to 1853, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. 1854–5-6 and 7, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. from 1858 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, 1 vol., from 1850 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1838 to 1850, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1851 to 1858, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1859 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1866 to 1871, inclusive. Proceedings from 1832 to 1838 wanting.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, vol. September 24, 1839, to May 5, 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, vol. May 4, 1858, to May 4, 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, W. Ontario, vol. from 1856, to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, vol. from 1856 to 1866, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 1, January 13, 1823, to March 31, 1847, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 2, April 1, 1847, to January 24, 1850, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 3, January 25, 1850, to November 18, 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 4, November 19, 1852, to November 20, 1855, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 5, from 1855 to 1858, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 6, from 1859 to 1861, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 7, from 1862 to 1866, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 8, from 1866 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 9, from 1870 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, vol., June 19, 1829, to May 21, 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, vol., 1857 to 1870, inclusive.

Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1 vol., 1861.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1844 to 1849, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1849 to 1854, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1855 to 1863, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1864 to 1870, inclusive.

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, 1 vol. 1870.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, 1 vol., from 1849 to 1857, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1847, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, vol. 2, from 1847 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, vol. 3, from 1852 to 1857, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets, incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, vol. from 1837 to 1859, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, vol. from 1863 to 1871, inclusive.

REQUIRED TO MAKE THE JOURNALS OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES COMPLETE:

Arkansas, from January 11, 1849, to March, 1851.
Delaware, from June 27, 1831, to January 17, 1855.
District of Columbia, from November, 1827, to 1847.
Florida, from 1862 to 1866, inclusive.
Indiana, from August 14, 1837, to July, 1845, and May and November, 1847.
Kentucky, from May, 1843, to January, 1849.

Lower Provinces, B. N. A., from July 26, 1855, to February, 1869.
Maine, from 1850 to 1857, inclusive.
Michigan, 1854.
Mississippi, from May 4, 1838, to October, 1844; July, 1846, and January, 1849.
New Hampshire, from July 9, 1844, to February 5, 1845.
North Carolina, from 1857 to 1871, inclusive.
Ohio, from January 28, 1832, to 1838, inclusive.
South Carolina, July, 1860, and from March 11, 1863, to January, 1866.
Texas, from April 19, 1841, to January, 1850.
Vermont, December, 1847, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1858 and 1859.
Wisconsin, January and July, 1847, and January, 1852.

Grand Encampments.

Alabama, from June 13, 1848, to February, 1868.
Georgia, from June 3, 1862, to 1872, inclusive.
Indiana, January, 1859, July and January, 1854, and July, 1855.
Kentucky, from November 21, 1839, to October, 1845; November, 1847; from May 6, 1848, to January, 1849; January, 1850, January, 1851, and January, 1852.
Louisiana, from February 10, 1848, to February, 1859, and from 1860 to 1872.
Maryland, from July, 1856, to July, 1859, 1860 and 1861.
Michigan, 1858 and 1859.
Mississippi, from July, 1857, to 1871, inclusive.
New Hampshire, from October 28, 1845, to August 23, 1850.
North Carolina, from the organization to 1872, except 1848 and 1849.
Rhode Island, from 1858 to 1870, inclusive, except 1861.
South Carolina, from organization.
Tennessee, January and July, 1850.
Texas, from 1861 to 1866, inclusive. (Body did not meet.)
Virginia, 1843, 1844, 1848, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1855, 1856, and 1860 to 1866, inclusive.
West Virginia, 1867.
Wisconsin, from 1849 to July, 1851, 1853, 1856, 1857 and 1858, and from 1859 to 1865, inclusive.

PERIODICALS DEVOTED TO ODD-FELLOWSHIP.

The Covenant, (old series,) vol. 1, 1836; vol. 2, 1837; vol. 3, 1838, in one book.
The Covenant, (old series,) vol. 4, 1839; vol. 5, 1840; vol. 6, 1841, in one book.
The Covenant, (new series,) vol. 1, 1842.
" " vol. 2, 1843.
" " vol. 3, 1844.
" " vol. 4, 1845.
" " vol. 5, 1846.
" " vol. 6, 1847.
The Odd-Fellows' Magazine, English, (new series, 2d edition,) vol. 1, 1829–30.
" " " " vol. 2, 1831–32–33.
" " " " vol. 3, 1834–35.
" " " " vol. 4, 1835–36–37.
" " " " vol. 5, 1838–39.
" " " " vol. 6, 1840–41.
The American Odd-Fellow, vol. 1, 1862.
" " vol. 2, 1863.
" " vol. 3, 1864.
" " vol. 4, 1865.

The American Odd-Fellow, vol. 5, 1866.
" " vol. 6, 1867.
" " vol. 7, 1868.
" " vol. 8, 1869.
" " vol. 9, to June, 1870.
" " vol. 10, to December, 1870.
" " vol. 11, to June, 1871.
" " vol. 12, to December, 1871.
The Odd-Fellows' Companion, vol. 1, from August, 1865, to July, 1866.
" " vol. 2, from August, 1866, to July, 1867.
" " vol. 3, from August, 1867, to July, 1868.
" " vol. 4, from August, 1868, to July, 1869.
" " vols. 5 and 6, from August, 1869, to July, 1870.
" " vols. 7 and 8, from August, 1870, to July, 1871.
The Odd-Fellows' Literary Casket, 1 vol., 1854.
The Golden Rule, vols. 4 and 5, 1846, one book.
" " vols. 6 and 7, 1847, one book.
Heart and Hand, (folio,) vol. 1, from April 16, 1870, to April 8, 1871.
" " " vol. 2, from April, 1871, to April, 1872.
New Age, (folio,) vol. 1, 1865.
" " vol. 2, 1866.
" " vol. 3, 1867.
" " vol. 4, 1868.
" " vol. 5, 1869.
" " vol. 6, 1870.
" " vol. 7, 1871.

JOURNALS OF GRAND BODIES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Grand Lodges.

Alabama, February, 1872.
California, May, 1872. Bound copy.
Colorado, October, 1871.
Connecticut, May, 1872.
District of Columbia, September, 1870, to August, 1871.
Delaware, April, 1871, to October, 1871.
Florida, April and June, 1872.
Georgia, August, 1871.
Illinois, October, 1871.
Indiana, November, 1871, and May, 1872.
Iowa, October, 1871.
Kansas, October, 1871.
Kentucky, October, 1871.
Massachusetts, February, 1872.
Michigan, January, 1872.
Mississippi, July, 1871.
Minnesota, 1872.
Missouri, May, 1872.
Nebraska, October, 1871.
New Jersey, November, 1871.
New York, August, 1871.
Nevada, June, 1871,
Ontario, August, 1871.
Oregon, May, 1872.
Pennsylvania, November, 1871, and Annual Report, 1872.
South Carolina, January, 1872.
Texas, February, 1872.
Vermont, August, 1871.
Virginia, April, 1871.
Wisconsin, December, 1871.

Grand Encampments.

Alabama, February, 1872.
Connecticut, May, 1872.
California, May, 1872.
Delaware, from 1865 to 1872.
District of Columbia, January, 1871.
Illinois, October, 1871.
Indiana, November, 1871, and May, 1872.
Iowa, October, 1871.
Kansas, October, 1871.
Kentucky, October, 1871.
Maine, August, 1871.
Maryland, one bound volume, from April, 1865, to October, 1870, and in pamphlets, April, 1871, October, 1871, and April, 1872.
New Jersey, November, 1871.
New York, August, 1871.
Ohio, May, 1872.
Ontario, August, 1871.
Pennsylvania, May 31, 1872.
Rhode Island, February and July, 1871.
Texas, February, 1872.
Vermont, August, 1871.
West Virginia, April, 1872.
Wisconsin, December, 1871.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

The Heart and Hand, weekly, New York.
The New Age, weekly, San Francisco, Cal.
The American Odd-Fellow, monthly, New York.
The Odd-Fellows' Companion, monthly, Columbus, Ohio.
The Talisman, monthly, Indianapolis, Indiana.
The Companion, monthly, Melbourne, Australia.
The Herz and Hand, monthly, Berlin, Prussia.
The Odd-Fellows' Journal, monthly, Philadelphia, Pa.

GERMAN TRANSLATION OF WHITE'S DIGEST.

I acknowledge the receipt from Brothers M. C. Lilley & Co , publishers, of a handsomely bound copy of the translation of White's Digest into the German language, which has been placed in the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

This work is represented by highly competent authority, Rev. C. Heddæus, R. W. Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to be a faithful and proper translation, and has received the official sanction of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, as required by law. It may therefore be confidently accepted as worthy of patronage.

I have also to give thanks to Brother T. Rogers Johnson, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of California, for a handsomely bound extra copy of the Journal of that Grand Lodge for 1872, and a full bound copy of the entire Journal of the Grand Encampment of California, and to the Board of Directors of the Odd-Fellows' Library in Baltimore, Maryland, for a bound copy of the revised catalogue of the same.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—REPORT ON.

The correspondence of the Grand Secretary during the year has been voluminous, as well at home as abroad, from which I respectfully present the following abstract of the general condition. Early after the adjournment, I transmitted to each Grand Jurisdiction a printed circular, setting

forth the important change made in the fiscal year, the object of such change, and earnestly inviting the co-operation of the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes with me to render the law operative and successful. A copy of this circular is annexed. I regret to say that in many jurisdictions no steps whatever were taken, beyond the former system, to assure the object contemplated. In every State where the time of meeting of the Grand Body was unsuited to the collection of the statistics on or before April 1st, it was the duty of the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe to adopt special means to obtain them, by issuing a circular for the purpose, or otherwise; many of these officers, however, failed to recognize this duty, hence a comparatively few of the annual returns were received by April 1st, and some at so late a period as to afford the Grand Secretary but little of the advantage designed to be provided. It is, however, considered, that as a new measure it has had difficulties to encounter in the beginning which were inevitable, and that having now been fairly set in motion, in the future a diligent effort will be made to comply with its provisions, and the fruits expected to be derived from the change will be secured. I once more earnestly appeal to every Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary to resolve that in the coming year his report shall be in my hands by the first day of April, and to that end that he will adopt adequate means. There can be no difficulty whatever in the accomplishment of this duty, if the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe is competent for his place, and has the proper pride of office and self-respect. Should the laws of the jurisdiction not be sufficiently stringent to constrain delinquent subordinates, the proper legislation should be had to that end. The statistics required are invaluable to the brotherhood, and the time allowed to the Grand Secretary to collate and arrange them for the annual session is barely sufficient to enable him to acquit himself properly of that duty.

These reports, it will be understood, cover only the period between 30th June and 31st December, 1872, and do not therefore present any available statistics, but are made with a view to a beginning under the new system, so that the next returns will embrace the calendar year.

Alabama.—The annual reports from this jurisdiction were received on 29th March and 6th April. The very prompt and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. W. A. SHIELDS, writes under date of March 25, as follows:

"I forward you to-day the report for this Grand Jurisdiction: during the six months, which comprises the report, we instituted one Lodge, and one surrendered its charter, thus leaving the same as in previous report.

"The Order is growing slowly but surely; the material which is being added now is of the very best, and our hopes for the future are very bright."

Arkansas.—I am indebted to the very prompt and attentive Grand Secretary of Arkansas, Bro. THOMAS R. WELCH, for the annual report of that jurisdiction, which was received May 27th. The condition of the Order in the State is decidedly prosperous. The number of Lodges reported last year was 33, the last warrant issued numbered 48. The Encampment branch, under the supervision of P. O. HOOPER, D. D. G. Sire, is also in most excellent condition, for which we are under great obligation to the valuable personal service and zealous administration of this officer, and the active co-operation of Bro. ALBERT COHEN, Grand Representative. D. D. G. Sire HOOPER has, with his accustomed promptitude, transmitted the dues and reports of the Subordinates, which now count nine in number, the last, Royal, No. 9, at Batesville, having been instituted during the year.

California.—From this splendid jurisdiction we have the most gratifying reports, which reached me on July 22d. Our Order continues its career of prosperity in both branches, and has increased in numerical strength very largely during the past year. There are now 200 Lodges and about 50 Encampments at work in the jurisdiction, comprising a membership amounting to nearly 15,000. I am advised by the distinguished Grand Secretary

and Grand Scribe, Brother ROGER T. JOHNSON, "that the zeal and devotion of the brotherhood continues unabated, and that the last session of the Grand Lodge of the State was attended by every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and by a larger number of visiting brethren than ever before." No report is made of relief, for the reason assigned by the Grand Secretary, that the Subordinates do not make such reports until July 1st. This state of things arises from a misconception of my circular, the object of which was to enforce *special* statistical reports for the fractional period of the year, where the regular reports were out of time, to enable Grand Secretaries to comply with the change in the fiscal year.

Colorado.—The annual report for Colorado was received on May 30th, 1872. I am advised by the worthy Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN W. RATLIFF, that Odd-Fellowship enjoys the highest degree of prosperity in the jurisdiction, and that during the past fractional term there has been a decided progress. The very attentive and zealous D. D. G. Sire, Brother C. P. ELDER, Past Grand Representative, has acquitted himself of his office with his accustomed diligence and energy, and has transmitted the reports of the Subordinates and dues promptly. Park Encampment, No. 4, was instituted January 16th, 1872, at Fair Play. A communication from this officer was received too late for this report, touching the formation of a Grand Encampment, which is herewith presented.

Connecticut.—It gives me great pleasure to reiterate the encouraging report which I have made for many years upon the condition of Odd-Fellowship in this valuable jurisdiction. The very prompt and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother F. BOTSFORD, presents the subject in such succinct and gratifying language, in a letter accompanying the reports, received March 11th, 1872, that I give his own words. He writes as follows:

"Enclosed pleased find report of Grand Lodge of Connecticut, ending December 31st, 1871.

"The course of our beloved Order is still onward, and never in the history of this jurisdiction has there been a time when its principles seemed to be more keenly appreciated, or its work more enthusiastically carried on. If the same spirit prevails (and I think it does) everywhere, your next report will show an increase that will astonish the best posted and most devoted Odd-Fellow; and to yourself, who have been identified with this great brotherhood from, as we may say, its infancy, it will arouse such a feeling of gratitude and pride, that your most eloquent language will fail to deseribe it. Your brother Grand Secretaries will probably come the nearest to a due appreciation of your feelings—at all events we shall pass to your credit a large share of our present prosperity, and will try to balance the account by a sincere and heartfelt tender of our love and respect and best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity. It would give us unfeigned pleasure to have the honor and pleasure of your presence at our next Grand Lodge. If it should be that you can accept this invitation, I can assure you of a cordial and affectionate welcome.

"Since the 1st of January, 1872, we have instituted two new Lodges and reorganized two more. I believe I notified you of the institution of Townsend Lodge, No. 89; it now becomes my duty to report the reorganization of Phenix Lodge, No. 52, in the flourishing manufacturing city of New Britian, on the 23d of February, and Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, in the city of Hartford, one of the three Lodges that received their charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the institution of Oronoque, No. 90, in Stratford, on the 28th of February. Several others of the old and defunct Lodges are now agitating the subject of resuscitation, but even with my sanguine disposition I can hardly expect to add four more to our number in the next two months; still it may be, for two more are in a very promising condition, and the thing is not impossible. I trust it may be so."

Delaware.—Our Order in Delaware numbers a membership of two thou-

sand five hundred and fifty-six, connected with 31 Lodges, with 7 Encampments, composed of four hundred members. No jurisdiction, considering population and extent of territory, presents a more prosperous status in the Order than Delaware, and no where is there displayed greater zeal and efficiency in the office of Grand Secretary.

District of Columbia.—The annual reports from the District of Columbia were received in due season—that of the Grand Lodge April 6th, 1872, and of the Grand Encampment February 26th, 1872. From these reports it is gratifying to see that our Order maintains its usual vigor in this jurisdiction. Thirteen Lodges are at work, with twenty-four hundred members, and four Encampments, with nearly seven hundred Patriarchs. This Grand Lodge has been called to mourn the death of one of its earliest members, Brother JOHN SESSFORD, Past Grand Representative. This brother appeared in the Grand Lodge of United States for the first time in 1847, and was honored by his brethren with a re-election for several terms. For many years during his life he was a devoted, zealous and untiring laborer. The Grand Secretary and the Grand Scribe are each exemplary officers.

Florida.—From Florida we have a good word. The worthy Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN DAY PERKINS, supplies his report 22d June, 1872. There has been an increase in the membership, and a general revival of interest. The efficient D. D. G. Sire, Brother A. B. CLARK, continues his active supervision of the Encampment branch, and has transmitted the report of Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, and dues promptly. Under date of July 30th, he writes: "The Encampment is doing well, the meetings are well attended, and all appear to take an interest therein."

Georgia.—The able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Georgia sends his reports late, (July 16th, 1872,) with the usual explanation, that the Subordinates have been remiss in sending in their returns. This can be remedied by enforcing the law which prohibits the installation of the elective officers of a Lodge unless the report for the past term has been already transmitted to the Grand Secretary. The condition of the Order in the State he submits in a letter accompanying his report, an abstract from which I annex, as follows:

"Enclosed please find annual reports for Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment for half year, from July 1st to December 31st, 1871. I trust you will pardon the delay in sending forward the reports that should have been in your hands long ere this; but the truth of the matter is that I have been trying to get a correct return from each branch of the Order, in which I have gloriously failed, as you will perceive by the report of members in good standing for Subordinate Lodges, 1679, when actually by the increase and deductions the total makes 1742; but still the reports do not show it. It all arises from the fact that the Subordinate Lodges keep no record of their returns. I have tried to remedy the matter, but had to give it up and wait until our meeting of the Grand Lodge next month, and bring the matter before that body, and compel them to make correct reports. I am really ashamed to forward these, assuring you, however, that I have done my best.

"The Order is in a healthy condition, and slowly increasing. The word from many Secretaries is that they are looking more for 'quality than quantity' of members.

"Dispensations have been granted for two new Lodges, and I am in correspondence with persons for other Lodges. There have been several Degree Lodges of Daughters of Rebekah organized, and they are in working order. There seems to be the utmost harmony among the brotherhood throughout the jurisdiction.

"I regret that our jurisdiction has not the means to erect a suitable building for the education of the orphans of deceased Odd-Fellows, as they are doing in many of the jurisdictions—though many of the Lodges are educating the children of their deceased members. I think there will be an ef-

fort made at the next session of our Grand Lodge to take some steps in that direction. In the Encampment branch we are gradually increasing. One new Encampment has been instituted and another is to be reorganized."

Illinois.—The distinguished brother who holds the office of Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe in Illinois, Brother N. C. NASON, transmitted with his usual promptitude the annual reports. The following interesting letter from him presents the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction June 30, 1872:

"As the reports made April 1st embraced the operations of but half a year, and that the half-year ordinarily of slowest progress in this jurisdiction, I have consolidated the statistics from the two sets of reports of subordinates for the terms ending December 31st, 1871, and June 30th, 1872, and herewith present the result.

Subordinate Lodges.

Number of members July 1st, 1871		18,566
" initiated during the year	4081	
" admitted by card	1048	
" reinstated	635	
Total of items of gain	5764	
" expelled	113	
" withdrawn by card	1204	
" suspended and dropped	1879	
" deceased	173	
Total of items of loss	3369	
Net gain in membership		2395
Total membership July 1st, 1872		20,961
Number of rejections	597	
" of working Lodges (gain of 36)	418	
Total revenue of Lodges	$186,045 18	
Brothers relieved	1674	
Widowed families relieved	223	
Paid for relief of brothers		$38,962 69
" relief of widowed families		4,492 65
" education of orphans		182 90
" burying the dead		3,865 19
Total relief		$47,503 43

"These figures show a greater gain, both in Lodges and in membership, than has been reported from this jurisdiction in any former year, with a large increase in revenue and in amount disbursed for relief purposes. One of the causes to which this accelerated progress is to be attributed, and perhaps the principal one, is the noble work of charity in which Odd-Fellowship has recently been engaged in this State and our neighboring jurisdictions of Wisconsin and Michigan. While those not of us had, no doubt, the same disposition promptly to aid the suffering and the destitute, we, by means of our thorough organization for just this kind of work, were ready, the moment the cry of distress was heard, not only to pour in our contributions, but to designate the men best fitted to dispense the stores of relief. Thoughtful men could not but see the superiority of such a system in times of dire calamity; and, their attention being thus drawn to our institution, investigation has satisfied them, not only of its fitness as a minister to the trials and adversities which are inseparable from human life, but also of its adaptation to the promotion of good will among men, and to the cultivation of all the social and moral virtues. Very many who have heretofore stood aloof—some, even, who have opposed—have now united them-

selves with us and become active and zealous workers in the great cause of human brotherhood.

"In the Patriarchal branch we present an exhibit similarly gratifying The statistics for the year beginning July 1st, 1871, and ending June 30th, 1872, are as follows:

Subordinate Encampments.

Number of members July 1st, 1871		3639
" initiated	953	
" admitted by card	164	
" reinstated	74	
Total of items of gain	—1191	
" expelled	22	
" withdrawn by card	214	
" suspended	305	
" deceased	33	
Total of items of loss	— 574	
Net gain in membership	—	617
Total membership July 1st, 1872		4256

Number of rejections	54	
" of working Encampments (gain of 13)	129	
Total revenue of Encampments	$18,378 36	
Patriarchs relieved	172	
Widowed families relieved	7	
Paid for relief of Patriarchs		$2268 50
" relief of widowed families		82 00
" burying the dead		252 87
Total relief		$2603 37

"Upon the subjects embraced in your circular of March 1st, I have but little to report. At the session of our Grand Lodge in 1869, upon the suggestion of Grand Master Ellis, a special committee on education was appointed. At the session of 1870 the committee reported, recommending that a circular to Subordinate Lodges be issued, embodying certain questions, the answers to which might furnish a basis for further action by the Grand Lodge. The report of the committee was adopted, and the circular was issued. But very few of the responses favored the project of the proposed institution, and at the session of 1871 the committee was discharged.

"At the session of 1870 the Grand Lodge took action urging upon its subordinates the formation of libraries, and requiring them to report annually the number of volumes. In a few localities a foundation has been laid, but the reports do not indicate much progress."

The terrific visitation by fire, to which the Lodges and Encampments in Chicago were subjected, is so well known, and has awakened so general a sympathy throughout the Order, that it is not in place now to dwell further upon it, than to remark that while the event passes into history with its unparalleled desolation, and the awful distress and suffering which it entailed upon thousands of human beings, there will be no page in that history, more honorable to the race, than that which describes the alacrity, liberality and fidelity with which the Odd-Fellows of the world fulfilled their obligations to their principles, and illustrated the power and value of such principles. In this connection Brothers Rogers, Ellis and Sherman, the honored committee of relief, by which the vast sum contributed (about $130,000) was so faithfully husbanded and so wisely applied, have earned an esteem in the heart of our Order which has challenged the general admiration.

Since your adjournment, death has entered the ranks in this jurisdiction, and summoned to eternal rest Brother E. A. RUCKER, Past Grand Representative, one of the most useful and intelligent members of our Order, one whose talents and genius were of no ordinary character, and who honored his position as Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States for several years.

Indiana.—Brother B F. FOSTER, the very worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the jurisdiction of Indiana, transmitted his reports on the 4th April, 1872, accompanied with an interesting letter, from which I submit the following abstract:

"I enclose the report required, perfected as near as it is possible to make it. I sent a special notice to all our Lodges and Encampments, upon receipt of your circular, and out of 350 Lodges I received returns from all but about 50. In those that failed I took the former report as the status of membership, and in the Encampment branch was obliged to pursue the same course. The report gives all the items specified, from June 30, to December 31, 1871, so that for the present or current year to December 31, 1872, we will be able to come in all right. But few of the Lodges give the amount of relief donated to Chicago, so that our contributions will be found to be liberal with that added. The amount contributed to that fund was $4048.00. Fifteen new Lodges have been organized since our November communication." The reports from this great jurisdiction show no abatement in its vast work, but on the contrary contain the most unmistakable evidence of a high degree of prosperity. Three hundred and sixty-five Lodges are at work, with a membership of over 20,000; one hundred and eight Encampments, with 4721 Patriarchs.

This jurisdiction has sustained a severe bereavement during the year in the death of Brother MILTON HERNDON, Past Grand Sire, who was an eminent Odd-Fellow and a useful citizen. He was earnestly devoted to the Order, loved it for its intrinsic excellence, and dedicated his highly gifted mind and unceasing efforts to its welfare. He was elected to the office of D. G. Sire, at Nashville, in 1860, but in consequence of the civil war, which separated G. Sire BOYLSTON from us temporarily, the duties of the office of G. Sire devolved upon the D. G. Sire, which Brother HERNDON discharged with great ability. It was during his administration that definite steps were set in motion for the acquisition of Australasia.

Iowa.—Our Order in Iowa enjoys great prosperity, which has been attained by an earnest and energetic administration. The most excellent and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother W. GARRETT, transmits his reports on July 1, 1872, from which the gratifying fact appears, that this fine jurisdiction continues to move forward with that unremitting animation which has for many years prevailed in the State, and to which the eminent success of the Order is greatly indebted. Number of Lodges 214, of members 10,000; of Encampments 47, members 1752.

Kansas.—The reports of the Grand Bodies of this jurisdiction reached me April, 1872, with that characteristic promptness which has always distinguished the official career of the worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother SAMUEL F. BURDETT. The Order in both branches is in a flourishing condition. Lodges 84, members 3500; Encampments, 18, members 625.

Kentucky.—It is my great pleasure to distinguish Brother WILLIAM WHITE, the accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Kentucky, as a most exemplary officer. On the 2d day of April, 1872, the reports from the jurisdiction were in hand, and the condition of the Order presented in the following admirable letter, dated March 27, 1872:

"In obedience to the recent action and requirements of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I herewith submit the reports for the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Kentucky, which of necessity only embrace the work of the six months ending December last, and which I am gratified

to state, give substantial evidence of the continued growth and prosperity of each branch of the Order in this jurisdiction; exhibiting as the former reports have done a steady if not rapid increase, both in membership and resources, and bearing evidence of the activity, energy and interest which have characterized the reports of the past.

"Twelve new Lodges have been added to the number of the subordinates since the last report, and I have no doubt before our annual meeting in October, that this number will have been doubled, as preparations and steps are now being taken for the establishment of several others.

"The subscriptions to the Widows' Home and Orphans' University were reported complete at the last session, and the trustees directed to purchase suitable grounds for the location of the institution. The first instalment on the subscriptions already obtained, are now being collected, and agents engaged in procuring additional subscriptions for this great and good work; a committee is to be raised by the trustees to report at the next session such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the control and management of the institution, together with a general plan of organization and course of study; the prospects of the permanent establishment of this noble philanthrophy are cheering, and must fill the hearts of the entire brotherhood with joy."

Louisiana.—I received the annual reports from this jurisdiction on the 3d April, 1872, from Brother JOSIAH FOLGER, the diligent and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who is ever prompt in fulfilling every duty devolved upon him by law. These reports indicate an increase of Lodges and membership, and a general healthful condition of the Order. Under date of July 31, Brother FOLGER writes as follows:

"Our Lodges are moving along slowly, and we are striving to carry out the true principles of our beloved Order. I was in hopes before now that our hall would have been paying a dividend to remunerate the stockholders in different States, expecting the government would have paid the claim due the association. Our Camp fires are still lighted; our High Priest tent is always ready to protect the weary traveller in his journey through life."

Lower Provinces, British North America.—The Order in this jurisdiction continues to have a gradual and steady growth, as appears by the report received from the worthy Grand Secretary, Brother A. M FRASER, on the 14th May, 1872. There are eight Lodges in the jurisdiction, with about five hundred members, and one Encampment. I have no special information during the year, although all the correspondence is hopeful and encouraging.

Maine.—On the 29th May, 1872, the annual report was received from the Grand Lodge of Maine, and from the Grand Encampment on the 4th April, 1872. The punctual and attentive Grand Secretary, Brother ORIN B. WHITTEN, advises me, under date of May 27th, "that Odd-Fellowship in Maine is very flourishing; that there has been an increase of four Lodges; that an earnest zeal prevails for the advancement of the Order, and that large accessions are being made to the membership." Brother N. G. CUMMINGS, the worthy Grand Scribe, writes, under date of April 1st, 1872, as follows:

"Herewith you will receive the report of the Grand Encampment of Maine. You will see that we have made a small gain in membership since our last report. While we are able to report but slight increase in numbers, it gives me pleasure to assure you that the interest is by no means abating, and the indications are encouraging for the future."

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge was held at Lewiston, August 13th, 1872; was fully attended, every Lodge being represented. The utmost harmony prevailed, and the legislation of the session was liberal and progressive.

Maryland.—The reports from Maryland were on hand as follows: that of the Grand Lodge, July 29th, 1872; of the Grand Encampment,

March 26th, 1872. The delay in the transmission of the Grand Lodge report was occasioned by remissness on the part of subordinates, as I am informed by the Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN HAHN, Jr., who is a highly competent and diligent officer, and ever at his post. I have already adverted to this reason in the case of California as being without any just foundation, since the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States requires that special measures should be adopted by every Grand Jurisdiction to assure its fulfillment. Instead of waiting upon the ordinary returns from subordinates, Grand Secretaries in jurisdictions where the necessity existed, to enable them to make up their report to December 31st, 1872, should have required every subordinate to send to them special statistical returns from 30th June to December 31st, out of which material the annual report to the Grand Lodge of United States could have been doubtless rendered by April 1st, 1872. I am happy to say, that our beloved Order continues to be admirably conducted in Maryland, and that the present generation deserves to be characterised as worthy in all respects of its noble sires. One hundred Lodges are at active work, with about 14,000 members; and twenty-three Encampments, with over 2000 Patriarchs. The very excellent Grand Scribe, Brother JOHN M. JONES, accompanied his report with the following letter under date of March 26th:

"In transmitting the report of the Patriarchal Branch of our Order in this jurisdiction, it is highly gratifying to me to be able to report to you that we are still engaged zealously in the good work, and that peace and harmony reigns supreme throughout our entire jurisdiction. We have not only held our own, but have increased in number of members, as you will find by the enclosed report. We have also applications for two more Encampments, one to be located at Frostburg, the other at Harrisonville, Baltimore county, Maryland, which I trust will be in successful operation before the meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States at its next session."

In this venerable and parent jurisdiction of our Order, death has selected as victims during the past year, several very distinguished Odd-Fellows, two of whom, Brothers JOHN BOYD and AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, were of the first generation, and also zealous co-laborers of Brother WILDEY. Each of them passed their entire life in active service, and have descended to the grave honored, revered and mourned by their brethren. Having been contemporary with these brethren, the Grand Secretary feels that it is not only his duty, but his great pleasure to bear witness to their just claims to the highest distinction in our annals, for long and unwearied labor in our good cause, for valuable assistance in the promotion of its welfare, and for a devotion to its prosperity, which was coextensive with their lives. Superadded to this meritorious record, as a significant illustration of the excellence of Odd-Fellowship, I state the important fact, that each of these aged Patriarchs mantained an unblemished private character, enjoyed the entire confidence of their fellow men, and rose from the humblest sphere to affluence and honorable independence, by their unaided personal exertions. Of Brother JAMES YOUNG, Past Grand Representative, who was also called from this world in the prime of life, in the apparent enjoyment of vigorous health, I remark that he too, although not of the first race of Odd-Fellows, was an untiring worker, and an able and efficient officer. Brother YOUNG was for several years a representative from Maryland, and was familiar to most of the members.

Massachusetts.—The distinguished brother who holds the office of Grand Secretary, and also of Grand Scribe in this great jurisdiction, Brother CHARLES B. COLE has, with that efficiency and punctuality which is ever characteristic of official fitness and appreciation of duty, supplied his annual reports on the 6th April, 1872.

From these reports it is obvious that Massachusetts does not relax or abate in interest and zeal for the cause of Odd-Fellowship. Brother COLE writes under date of August 25 as follows:

"It is with great pleasure that I am again enabled to report to you the continued prosperity of the Order in this State; during the year we have done nobly, and the continued interest manifested in carrying out the principles of our Order is enough to gladden the hearts of all; the membership in the Subordinate Lodges at the present time is much larger than ever before, numbering as we now do nearly fifteen thousand, with ninety-four good working Lodges, some of which are very large; during the past year the number of Lodges has been increased by the addition of six, and the prospects for the future are very flattering.

"The new Odd-Fellows' Hall, the corner stone of which was laid June 13, 1871, is nearly completed, and when finished will be one of the most magnificent buildings in Boston.

"The Patriarchal branch of the Order still continues to flourish: during the past year four new Encampments have been added to the list, and the number in membership is about four thousand five hundred, being much larger than ever before; success attends us on every hand."

Michigan.—From Brother F. M. Foster, the efficient and active Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Michigan, I received the annual reports May 4th, 1872. These show a very decided vitality in the Order, and that the jurisdiction is rapidly advancing. The Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary have each also visited the State, by invitation, and have witnessed the great zeal and devotion which prevails among the brotherhood for the dissemination of Odd-Fellowship, and the general diffusion of its practical fruits. On the 15th November, 1872, the corner-stone of the Odd-Fellows' Institute was laid at Lansing, in this State, with imposing ceremonies, and the building is rapidly progressing. It is of cruci-form, and 205 feet front. The object of the structure is to provide a home for valetudinarian Odd-Fellows and their widows, and for the education of the children of Odd-Fellows. Thus have our brethren in this noble jurisdiction led the way in this path, so honorable, commendable, and worthy of our highest efforts, and we pray that it may prove so grand a success that the example may be electric and stir up every sister jurisdiction. There are one hundred and fifty Lodges, and about fifty Encampments, in the State, with a membership in the former of nearly nine thousand, and in the latter of over fifteen hundred.

A private letter from a distinguished source gives the following cheering words:

"Our Odd-Fellows' Institute is rapidly progressing towards completion, and at our next regular session in January, 1873, we expect to have our Grand Lodge visit it and accept the labors of their committee as finished.

"The Order in our State continues, as in the past, to grow and increase rapidly. Since last session of Grand Lodge of Michigan, sixteen new Lodges have been put in motion, and everywhere, I am rejoiced to say, we hear the cry—'Still they come.' Lodges are increasing, and a grade of membership, of which any jurisdiction might be proud, is seeking admission to the ranks."

Minnesota.—Sherwood Hough, the worthy and attentive Grand Secretary, transmits the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, April 9th, 1872, and Brother Joseph Lewis, the efficient Grand Scribe, supplies that of the Grand Encampment June, 1872. The Order in both branches in this State progresses with reasonable success, and a decided increase appears. Brother Lewis, under date of June 1st, writes as follows:

"Enclosed please find returns due your office April 1st, ult. I have labored under the impression, all this time, that June 1st, *to-day*, was the proper time to make my report. I was mistaken, and beg your forbearance for my mistake.

"You will see that I cannot *dove-tail* my report, for the last six months,

with the printed one of Journal of Grand Lodge of the United States for 1871, wherein our jurisdiction is reported as having only 121. Having *gained* 19 and *lost* 15, our present membership (December 31st, 1872) ought to be 125, whereas the reports of six (6) Subordinate Encampments, now on file in my office, foot up 179, a difference of 54. As I have just got into harness, I have no previous report to refer to, and cannot explain the discrepancy except on the supposition of a typographical error in the printed report of 1871.

"Of this you will please rest assured, we had, on December 31st, 1871, 179 members in good standing."

Mississippi.—On the 5th of June, 1872, Brother R. B. MAYES, the very gentlemanly and accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, forwarded the annual reports. These reports indicate an improving progress and a general healthful condition, but as the Grand Sire made a special visit to the State, and has reported thereon, no further statement is necessary from this department. Grand Secretary MAYES, under date of 5th June, writes as follows:

"A desire to make an accurate report has caused me to delay. Some Lodges have not yet reported; and of the others, the Secretaries are guided by various notions of the proper method of reporting. I have written to those who have failed to report, urging speed; and to those who have reported inaccurately—and whose errors I could not correct by inspection of the reports—urging a correction of errors. Several have failed to reply; therefore the report which I now make, in compliance with your request, does not give the real number of members by several hundreds."

Missouri.—In this fine jurisdiction we have 10,724 members, which is an increase of 771 since the last report. There are 234 Lodges, and 59 Encampments, with over 2000 Patriarchs. The reports were received on June 12th and June 14th, and their delay is accounted for from the same cause as given by several other jurisdictions, viz., delinquency of subordinates. It is sincerely hoped, that in the future, in a matter of so much importance, measures will be adopted to constrain obedience to the paramount law. The splendid condition of the Order is so aptly put by the able Grand Secretary, Brother E. M. SLOAN, that I present it in his own words. Under date of June 1st, he writes as follows:

"Herewith find report from this jurisdiction *long past due*, and for this delay and seeming neglect we can only say that our Lodges having been for years past in the habit of reporting 1st of April, it was impossible to get anything like a correct return from them before the 'Spring report,' and therefore, at the instance of our mutual distinguished Brother VEITCH, I deferred until now, and am thus enabled to hand you the most correct one since my connection with this office; and though it does not present as gratifying an exhibit as to increase in membership, yet we know that our Order is gaining ground with every succeeding year that passes; that our membership is firmly fixed in its determination to uphold the moral and intellectual teachings of our Order, and we trust that before long every county in our proud State will have one or more Lodges. One feature of last year's labors in Missouri is, that much greater care has been taken in the admission of members; a much less proportion of uncouth members having been admitted, and also a greater promptness in punishing those who prove unworthy.

"Our State has had to labor under the embarrassment of stringency in financial matters; this has been particularly so in the country, and therefore much of the apparent decline is accounted for in this way. We look forward with pride to our future, and having a large and interesting field for our labors, will give a good account of our stewardship. Many of the most prominent of our citizens are casting in their lot with us and will materially aid us in the fulfilment of our mission."

Nebraska.—The report from this jurisdiction was forwarded March 27,

1872, which failed to reach me, upon advice of which, the very valuable and intelligent Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN EVANS, promptly furnished a duplicate. This jurisdiction is becoming one of the most prosperous in our Order, and appears to be possessed of an emulous spirit, which is sure to give it rapid and solid progress.

A Grand Encampment was instituted by D. D. Sire S. J. GOODRICH, July 1, 1872, at Lincoln, and already has a Grand Representative been chosen, who will appear at the present session. Brother EVANS writes, under date of March 27, as follows:

"Herewith I send you the report of this jurisdiction for (half) year ending December 31, 1871. As will be seen by the report, I continue to have difficulty in procuring correct statements from the Secretaries as to the number of members in their respective Lodges. A new form of blanks for keeping the tally of membership has been introduced, and it is hoped that, in the future, there will be no necessity for reporting 'Errors in former report.'

"The institution of six new Lodges, during the half year covered by the report, would seem to indicate that our growth has been, not only healthful, but that it has also settled down into an established ratio, by which our future progress may be measured.

"The same disparity in the increase of membership, as compared with the number of Lodges, as shown by previous report, still continues to exist, and from the same causes, viz., the rapid development of commercial and agricultural centres on the lines of our numerous railroads; to establish new Lodges at these places, much of the material has been drawn from the older Lodges.

"An earnest and zealous devotion to the principles of Odd-Fellowship continues to characterize the brotherhood of this jurisdiction. This is attracting the attention of our best citizens, and commands their respect and admiration for our beloved Order."

New Hampshire.—The highly respected and intelligent Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of New Hampshire, Brother JOEL TAYLOR, forwarded the reports of the jurisdiction 29th March, 1872, which were duly received. He presents the condition of the Order in a letter which accompanies the report, in language so full yet concise, that I give his own words, as follows:

"Herewith please find returns for the year ending June 30, 1872.

"It gives me sincere pleasure to assure you of the continued good success of our beloved institution in this jurisdiction. During the year we have revived two defunct Lodges, and two Lodges have been instituted, all under very favorable auspices. Our membership has a healthy increase. We now number 36 Lodges, with a membership of 4512. We have paid for relief $11,962.64, not including $400 paid Chicago sufferers by the Grand Lodge. Amount of annual receipts $29,717.91. Amount of cash and investments $92,180.49. It is hoped that we may long continue to prosper

"The Encampment branch continues to go on in the good work, although not with the success of the Lodges the past year. There has been paid for relief $1008.67, not including $200 for Chicago sufferers. Receipts for the year $4659.87. Cash and investments $12,871.43. There are 18 Encampments and 1549 members."

New Jersey.—I am in possession of the reports from this great jurisdiction, received May 7th, 1872, from which it appears that the career of the State in Odd-Fellowship is continuously progressive, and that it ranks among the most vigorous members of our federation. The estimable and accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, LEWIS PARKER, Jr., describes the situation of the Order so ably in his favor of the 1st April, that I annex it as follows:

"It is very gratifying for me to be able to report to you the steady increase in prosperity which the Order in this jurisdiction has enjoyed during

the past year. I believe it to be not merely a temporary or spasmodic growth, but the result of a vigorous vitality.

"You will observe that while considerable additions have been made to our membership, while the ranks of the brotherhood have been augmented with good, noble soldiers, in the glorious warfare against the vices and woes which afflict our common humanity, while our duties have been as boundless as ever, we have not been remiss in our charitable contributions or personal ministrations, thus demonstrating that there is a genuine affinity between our professions and our practice."

New York.—I am indebted to the esteemed and accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this important jurisdiction, for the annual reports, which were forwarded May 15, 1872. The subjoined letter describes the general prosperity of the jurisdiction in unmistakable language. Brother CLARK, under date of 23d August, writes as follows:

"The current reports of the work in this jurisdiction will present to you the gratifying evidences of substantial increase in subordinates, in membership, in interest, in finances, and in moral and beneficial influences.

"The Order in this State has never commanded more attention, enjoyed so much respect, or stood on so solid a foundation as it does to-day. During the past year we have added 36 new working and 1 degree Lodge, and 6 Rebekah Degree Lodges, and resuscitated 6 old Lodges, making a total of 333 working Lodges.

"We have admitted to membership, 8289, by initiation, card and reinstatement; and lost 3089 by card, suspension, expulsion and death; leaving a net increase of 5200, and a total membership of 29,440. Our revenue has been $325,997.76, and disbursements for relief, $97,330.77. Since the union of the two Grand Lodges in this jurisdiction, our increase has been 138 working Lodges; the membership from 13,984, in 1867, to 29,440, in 1872; the income from $81,009.79, in 1867, to $325,997.61, in 1872. This prosperity needs no comment from my pen. The prosperity of the Patriarchal branch has been peaceful and highly satisfactory.

"The increase of membership has been 806, in Encampments 7. The tone and tendency of the past six years point to a bright and prosperous and harmonious future for the Order in this State."

Nevada.—The annual report from the Grand Lodge of Nevada was on hand as early as March 28th, 1872, for which I return sincere thanks to the able and punctual Grand Secretary, Brother JAMES H. KIRKEAD. Twenty-three Lodges, with a membership of nearly fourteen hundred, are enrolled under our banner in that distant jurisdiction, and are at work with stout hearts and a zealous ambition to spread Odd-Fellowship throughout that rich and attractive State. At the last annual session, and since the report was forwarded, four new Lodges were chartered.

North Carolina.—Apprehending that the report from this jurisdiction would be delayed to a very late period from its non-receipt in June, I wrote to the Grand Master of the State, Brother J. H. BAKER, from whom I received a prompt reply, with the report, 1st of July, 1872. There appears to be a small increase of members, although on this subject the Grand Secretary remarks, as follows: "There is a discrepancy in regard to the item 'now in membership,' originating in the 'summary' of past reports, which had its beginning some years back. We have not lost, in fact, we have gained annually for three years past." The Grand Master concurs in opinion with the Grand Secretary as to the increase of membership. I am highly gratified to say that the Grand Encampment of the State, which had ceased work during the civil war, has been revived in the recess, pursuant to resolution of last session, and resumed its labors under favorable auspices. The first report from this Grand Body was duly received March 16th, 1871. It seems to the undersigned that a special effort should be made to revive the Order in this large commonwealth, and for its more general diffusion, and to that end the Grand Lodge of the United States should

send a *suitable* Special Commissioner to co-operate with the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch. A few hundred dollars employed in this direction would be well invested.

Ohio.—The veteran and efficient Grand Secretary of this prosperous jurisdiction, Brother W. C. EARL, sends his report early in April, (7th,) which abounds in the most gratifying evidences of the continuous advance of our Order in Lodges and Encampments, in membership and resources, rendering its administration in the State a beautiful illustration of Odd-Fellowship as it was designed and fashioned by our fathers

Without attempting to present any analysis of this interesting report, I annex a letter from Grand Secretary EARL. Under date of April 17th, 1872, he writes as follows:

"I have the pleasure of herewith presenting the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for the year 1871, which I trust you will find correct, and hope that its showings will tell a tale which will be satisfactory to our great and rapidly increasing brotherhood.

"I am aware that the law requires reports to be made by April 1st of each year, but in a jurisdiction so large as ours, I have, with my best efforts, failed to get such prompt responses from all subordinates as would enable me to comply with its requisitions. By the delinquency of others, I am therefore compelled to make my bow to you seventeen days behind time.

"Our report will tell its own story; and yet I trust you will pardon me for alluding to its exhibit, and also giving a few items of our statistics not required to be reported to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

"We now have a constituency of 461 Lodges and 37,678 members. The income of all these Lodges, as reported for the year, has been $298,667.21, and the expenditures in all forms $111,889.59. The amount we report as expended for the education of orphans is a mere trifle, because our common school system is so liberal that a good education is within the reach of all, 'without money and without price.'

"Our Subordinate Lodges show, as the amount of cash and investments for the general fund, $783,734.51, and for account of the widow and orphan fund, $99,284.93, making an aggregate of $883,019.44, which shows that we have not been unmindful of the sacred obligations which we have voluntarily imposed upon ourselves.

"Without egotism, I may safely say that Odd-Fellowship in Ohio is an institution which is an honor to the intelligent people of the State.

"You will see that I leave the *place* of next meeting blank on report. I cannot fill it until after the session of the Grand Lodge."

In addition to this admirable abstract of the report of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, I have great pleasure in presenting an equally interesting communication from the accomplished Grand Scribe of the State, Brother JOSEPH DOWDALL, who writes under date of April 9th, thus:

"Enclosed find annual report of Grand Encampment of Ohio.

"The year 1871 has shown an increase over 1870 in membership 856, in receipts $8544.87, and in relief $4192.66; or 10 per cent. in membership, 16 per cent. in receipts, and 22 per cent in relief. The Order in 1872 exposes an opportunity for a still greater increase in the Patriarchal branch in this jurisdiction, for the reason that the Subordinate Lodges are in a highly prosperous condition. The members are determined to press on in the good work of Odd-Fellowship in both branches."

It would be very gratifying to the Grand Corresponding Secretary to receive from each jurisdiction, accompanying the annual reports, just such letters as the above: it would save him the labor of a tedious analysis of each report.

Ontario.—On March 16, 1872, I had the gratification to receive the report of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and on the 25th June, 1872, that of the Grand Lodge. In both branches it will be seen that the Order is decidedly advancing in this valuable jurisdiction, which should be a source of

the highest gratification to us. To Brother M. D. DAWSON, the most excellent Grand Scribe, I make my acknowledgment for very interesting correspondence during the year, and to Brother J. B. KING, the able Grand Secretary, I am indebted for a succinct statement of the condition of the Order, which is so well rendered, and so worthy of imitation, that I present the entire letter under date of June 25, 1872, as follows:

"I enclose you herewith the return for Ontario for six months ending December 31, 1871, as directed by your circular. Inasmuch as the return will not be a fair criterion for the year's work, I deemed it best to hold it until I had reports from all our Lodges for term ending above date, some of which I have only now received, hence the delay. I am very sorry, as I know full well the benefit of promptness in forwarding returns.

"The Order is progressing rapidly in Ontario, and I believe is filling to a great extent its mission. Sixteen new Lodges have been organized during the year and one more expected during this month, all in good locations—places capable of sustaining one or more Lodges; quite a number of the Lodges have erected fine new halls, others have buildings now in course of building, all of which tend to strengthen the Order and bind the members of Lodges more closely together; this spirit of enterprise is truly commendable. The fifty-third anniversary, April 26, 1872, was generally observed by the Lodges in this jurisdiction, each in its own particular way. The Grand Master, Brother JOHN GIBSON, has been a very active officer, instituted all the new Lodges and visited every Lodge in Ontario during the year. A number of Degree Lodges have been organized since August last, in towns and cities having more than one Lodge, and I learn that they have been of very great benefit in their several localities. The year altogether has been a prosperous one; the prospects are quite as bright the coming year. Our meeting being in August, I cannot at present give you the names of the elected officers, nor the place of next meeting, but these shall be supplied immediately after the session."

Oregon.—Odd-Fellowship in this remote jurisdiction continues its good work, and is eminently prosperous; if its increase does not appear to be so rapid and voluminous as in other quarters, it is, nevertheless, considering the ratio of population and the extent of the field, quite as progressive. The annual report was transmitted by the estimable and prompt Grand Secretary, Brother CHESTER N. TERRY, 21st March, 1872, accompanied with the following interesting letter:

"DEAR BROTHER RIDGELY: I enclose to you $150 representative tax. I also enclose my annual report, ending December 31st, 1871.

"Although but six months has only passed since I made my last annual report, still I can say with pleasure and satisfaction, that our jurisdiction still moves on the good course; a gradual increase both in Lodges and members, with the future still promising and bright. And may this glorious work go on until all the good and true work under our banner for the good of mankind in general."

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, held at Salem, 21st May, 1872, the Grand Master, E. L. BRISTOW, Past Grand Representative, reported that he had visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction during the year, and charters were authorized for six new Lodges.

Pennsylvania.—An analysis of the reports from this vast jurisdiction, which were received June 11, 1872, shows the most splendid results. The annexed figures tell the tale.

Initiated	10,144	
Admitted	2,285	
Reinstated	785	
		13,214
Withdrawn by card	2,007	
Suspended	4,644	
Expelled	157	
Deceased	751	
		7,559
		5,655

Number of Lodges	708
Members	85 808
Revenue	$700,317.37
Relief	$300,130.96

The Patriarchal branch is equally prosperous, and so appears as follows:

Initiated	1,565	
Admitted by card	197	
Reinstated	50	
		1,812
Withdrawn	180	
Suspended	520	
Expelled	14	
Deceased	117	
		831
		981

Number of Encampments	198
Members	13,770
Revenue	$96,171
Relief	$45,450.18

These figures are arguments so ponderous and eloquent, that words are rendered in their presence superfluous, and the remarkable fact appears, in this instance, at least, that brilliant results describe themselves with greater power and influence than language could express, however graphic.

How full of instruction and example is this exhibit! Pennsylvania, it is true, is a large field, but many other jurisdictions are equally so, when comparatively considered: that is, they present materials, equally available in the ratio of population and extent of territory, and invite just such emulation and perseverance. Hence there is very decided evidence that, over and above the richness and abundance of the field, there must be a corresponding energy and spirit of determination in the laborers, guided by a wise, able, and discreet administration. Let us, brothers, appreciate the splendid example, and resolve to do likewise. M. W. G. Master Slack, in his annual report, aptly and briefly states the secret of Pennsylvania's success in the following words:

"Our Order has become the leading institution in Pennsylvania, and, for a long time, it has been far in advance of its sister jurisdictions. This is due, in a large measure, to the number of earnest co-workers in this great moral vineyard, and to their self-sacrificing efforts, for the establishment and diffusion of the benign principles inculcated in our ritual." To which the eloquent and accomplished Grand Secretary, Brother James B. Nicholson, pertinently adds a voice to the brotherhood, especially to officers, which should be inscribed in golden letters upon the walls of every Lodge room: "Let those in official stations," he remarks, "in fact, all who possess influence in the Order, or love its principles, continue to point out, by

precept and by example, the path that leads to true honor, and to real, lasting happiness. If the instrumentalities of the Order be thus wisely directed and efficiently employed, sooner or later its benign influence will be felt by society, and millions will unite in acknowledging its blessings."

Rhode Island.—I received the annual reports from this jurisdiction June 24, 1872. The cause of the delay in their transmission is satisfactorily explained by the uniformly prompt and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother JOHN F. DRISCOLL. In no part of the General Jurisdiction does our Order enjoy larger prosperity; in both branches it flourishes, and the brethren appear to be inspired with the most commendable zeal and ambition to disseminate and illustrate its teachings. There are now twenty Lodges at work in this little State, with nearly twenty-five hundred members, and nine Encampments, with over seven hundred Patriarchs.

South Carolina.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was received August 2, 1872, and it presents no very encouraging exhibit of Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction. The same remark may be properly made in reference to this State, which I suggested touching North Carolina. Some special effort should be had in both to revive the Order, and this subject is worthy the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge. From the annexed letter of Grand Secretary ROBERT JAMES, it is very apparent, that unless aided substantially, the Order will retrogade in the State. Under date of July 29, Brother JAMES writes as follows:

"I regret very much the delay that has occurred in forwarding the report and our representative tax. Circumstances, over which I had no control, prevented me from doing so. I hope that it will not occur again. The state of the Order in this jurisdiction is not very encouraging. Our city Lodges, however, fully held their own for the past year—the interior Lodges, with one exception, showing but little improvement. Much could be done in resuscitating our defunct Lodges, were we in possession of a little money to give them assistance. We hitherto numbered thirty Lodges—we now number only twelve. We need regalia and working material. If the Grand Lodge of the United States were to give us some aid, I feel satisfied, that in the course of a short time, the Order in South Carolina would be in a very prosperous condition. Cannot something be done for us at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States? Do use your influence in the good cause, as we need help. I enclose post-office order for seventy-five ($75.00) dollars, and certificate of our Representative elect, to fill unexpired term of Brother WILLIAM THAYER. Brother R. S. DURYEA was appointed temporarily for the last session by the Grand Master."

Tennessee.—I am in receipt of the annual reports of this jurisdiction on 20th June, 1872. The delay is accounted for by the very worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother R. H. BARRY, who has been terribly afflicted with disease during the entire year. The reports are indicative of a slight advance in membership and a general condition of prosperity, but in consequence of the very considerable remissness on the part of subordinates in making their reports, the Grand Secretary is of opinion that the real status of the Order in Tennessee is not presented in his reports.

Texas.—From this jurisdiction the annual reports were received May 14th, 1872, transmitted by the attentive Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother GEORGE W. GROVER. Texas is an improving jurisdiction. It consists of 88 Lodges, with a membership of over 3000; also of 50 Encampments, with over 500 Patriarchs. Although this would show a comparative small average to each body, yet that fact grows more out of the spareness of the population than out of any want of interest in the membership. Nevertheless, there is decided room for further improvement in so large a field, and the effort is fraternally recommended to the brotherhood. I have no special advices from this jurisdiction.

Vermont.—A candid confession is said to be good for the soul, and here

we have it, accompanied with its legitimate fruits. Brother H. M. CURRIER, the much esteemed Grand Secretary, sends the annual report, April 29, 1872, accompanied with a letter, which shows the condition of the Order in the State. He writes as follows:

"It is customary, when a man is negligent in *any* matter, to have an excuse of *some* kind. I confess that appearances are against me in the matter of forwarding the report of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, but, my dear sir, I have a good excuse. *I will not bother you with it.* Our report shows but little work this time, as two Lodges have failed to make their returns. But since the first of January there has been an increase of one new Lodge and one Lodge Degree of Rebekah instituted, and a prospect of more soon. The growth of the Order in this State is necessarily slow, and when we hold our own we think we are doing very well."

The Grand Secretary's theory of the Order in Vermont "*holding its own*," is not sound, according to the accepted experience of the times, for it is now universally acknowledged that there is no such thing as "*a stationary status:*" that the very act of standing still, in a live, moving, active world, is in fact going backward, and that everything *moves*, either forward or backward. I have also the report of the Grand Encampment, through the prompt Grand Scribe, Brother SEWALL MORSE, mailed April 1, 1872. There are six Encampments in the State, with two hundred and nine Patriarchs.

Virginia.—No report, although repeated applications have been made for it.

West Virginia.—I have very great pleasure in commending the promptitude of the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction. The very worthy Grand Secretary, Brother THOMAS G. STEELE, sends his report 5th April, and the respected Grand Scribe, Brother K. A. UTHMAN, that of the Grand Encampment, 29th March, 1872. Accompanying each report is also an admirable letter fully setting forth the situation of each branch of the Order. Brother STEELE writes as follows:

"It is with renewed pleasure that I herewith transmit my annual report on the state of the Order in West Virginia. We have added some new Lodges, and as the country opens up to the enterprising capitalist, and develops her vast mineral resources, our Order follows up and unfurls her banner and plants her standard, and soon the sound of the gavil is heard even in the midst of the diggings. The loss in numbers for the non-payment of dues in two years has amounted to 521 members. This causes regret; yet we have encouragement. We have added more than one hundred to our membership this year, and although this seems but a small increase, the Lodges are all in a flourishing condition, and we have good cause for hearty congratulation. Our subscription to the suffering and destitute brethren of Chicago fell short of what it ought to have been. While many of our Lodges contributed nobly, others let sympathy do their work. Let us hope that the warm heart and open pocket book will not suffer from their munificence, and that to-day the gift is not missed. When I read in the publications of our Order the influence for good which it exerts, and of its vast income and wide spread brotherhood, in which is comprised so many nationalities all dwelling in harmony beneath the covering of one tent, my heart is filled with joy.

"It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of Brother MATHIOT; he has passed to the better country, where his works will follow him, and where, with the redeemed brotherhood, I pray all who have or may enter our Order may be found and reunited to spend an eternity with God. Many thanks for your kind and fraternal aid rendered on several occasions. May God spare you long to the Order."

Brother UTHMAN, Grand Scribe, writes also, as follows:

"As I could not give you the names of the officers and place of holding the next session of the Grand Encampment, I now send the information,

CYRUS VANCE, Grand Patriarch, residence, Clarksburg, West Virginia. H. A. UTHMAN, Grand Scribe, residence, Wheeling.

It affords me pleasure to inform you that the Encampment branch of the Order is increasing slowly but surely. At the institution of the Grand Encampment there was but six Camps in the jurisdiction; now we number 24, with hopes of still increasing in number of Camps and members. Why the same interest is not taken in the Encampments that there is in the Lodges I cannot perceive, as much of the excellence of the Order is concentrated in this branch, and as none know what Odd-Fellowship is until they reach the top round in the ladder"

Wisconsin.—I regret that I am without the usual analytical letter accompanying the annual reports from Wisconsin, with which the exemplary and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Brother L. B. HILLS, has usually favored me. His reports, however, tells the tale of Odd-Fellowship, without the aid of comment, which were received 23d March, 1872. The subjoined figures show the situation:

Initiated	716	
Admitted by card	125	
Reinstated	66	
		907
Withdrawd by card	216	
Suspended	300	
Expelled	8	
Deceased	25	
		549
Net gain		358
Number of Lodges	175	
Number of Members	8,365	
Relief	$3,915.97	
Reveuue	$23,520.90	

The Encampment branch is equally prosperous.

New Mexico.—There is one Lodge in this Territory—Paradise Lodge, No. 2, at Santa Fe—under the supervision of Brother JOHN RITTER, D. D. Grand Sire. This Lodge is in a tolerably fair condition. From the last report received, to December 31, 1871, it manifested a favorable prospect. The D. D. Grand Sire has been in office for several years, and is an energetic and efficient officer.

Dakota.—We have three Lodges in this Territory—Dakota, No. 1, at Yankton, in Yankton county, which is in a highly prosperous condition; Echo, No. 2, located at Fort Randall; Vermillion, No. 3, doing well, Vermillion, Clay county, recently formed. These Lodges are under the supervision of Brother T. J. KINKAID, of Sioux City, Iowa, D. D. Grand Sire, who has proved himself to be a zealous and highly valuable officer. Reports have been regularly sent.

Montana.—In this Territory there are four Lodges—Montana, No. 1, Helena; Cottonwood, No. 2, Deer Lodge City; Bannack, No. 3, Bannack city, Beaverhead county; Western Star, No. 4, Bozman. Rocky Mountain Encampment, No. 1, has been instituted at Helena during the recess. The Territory is under the jurisdiction of D. H. CUTHBERT, D. D. Grand Sire, a most excellent officer, who represents that the Order is highly prosperous in the Territory.

Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, British North America.—This Lodge is under the supervision of Brother GEORGE VAREY, D. D. Grand Sire, of Gore Lodge, Ontario, resident at Montreal, who is a most efficient and zealous officer. It is in a highly flourishing condition, in evidence of which an application has been made for a second Lodge and the warrant issued. The reports are regularly made.

Peru, South America.—Lima Lodge, No. 1, instituted at Lima 3d January, 1872, by Brother JAMES PASCOE, D. D. Grand Sire. No report as yet, although from intelligence received I learn that the Lodge has set out under most flattering auspices.

The Order is under a lasting obligation to Brother LEWIS SOHER, Past Grand Patriarch of California, for his indefatigable and untiring exertions in promoting the establishment of Lima Lodge, No. 1. It was chiefly through his persistent efforts that our communications were kept up with the brethren at Lima, and in consequence of his intelligent and well directed correspondence that success was achieved. By an examination of this correspondence, which was very voluminous, it will be perceived that nothing but just such an auxiliary could have accomplished this valuable acquisition.

The annexed abstract of a letter from this distinguished brother will show the spirit which prevails in the Lodge. Brother SOHER writes as follows:

"By this mail I send you a copy of the constitution and by-laws adopted by Lima Lodge, No. 1; also, an impression of a seal which I had made and sent them as a present with the by-laws. The design I thought appropriate—a Peruvian and European shaking hands; a railroad crossing the Corderilla mountains, &c., but, alas! sent too late, for Brother HURWITZ sent me an impression of a seal made and presented by one of their members, and as they had used it already on a card, &c., could not change it. S. D. Grand Sire PASCOE is up in the mountain, but came down to meet his family on the 30th May, and was at the meeting of the Lodge, exemplified the initiatory work, and conferred the degree of Rebekah on four candidates. I am also informed they have founded a widow and orphan fund, and ask for information in regard to keeping it, &c., which will be answered and sent on Thursday. I am glad the Lodge has been instituted and continues under the supervision of Brother PASCOE, who is now settled in Peru."

A further correspondence with Brother SOHER, S. D. D. Grand Sire, is herewith presented.

Germany.—The correspondence with the officers of these valuable jurisdictions, during the past year, has been voluminous, which in part accompanies this report. There are four distinct jurisdictions in Germanic Europe, as follows:

Kingdom of Wurttemberg, three Lodges, viz., Wurttemberg, No. 1, at Stuttgart; Donan, No. 2, at Ulm; Schiller, No. 3, at Stuttgart. This jurisdiction is under the supervision of Brother M. BERNHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire, who is worthy of all praise for his unremitting exertions in behalf of the cause. His correspondence is herewith submitted.

Empire of Prussia, in which there are six Lodges at active work, viz., Germania, No. 1, Berlin; Borussia, No. 2, Berlin; Teutonia, No. 3, Lychen; Templar, No. 4, Berlin; Concordia, No, 5, Berlin, Humbolt, No. 6, Berlin; also Minerva Degree Lodge, No. 1, at Berlin; Einigkeit Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, Berlin; also Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, at Berlin. This jurisdiction is in charge of Brother HUGO WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire, a most intelligent, highly cultivated and devoted Odd-Fellow. His official correspondence has given me great pleasure, much of which I present with this report.

Kingdom of Saxony, one Lodge, Saxonia, No. 1, at Dresden, under charge of Brother O. ARNOUX, D. D. Grand Sire, who also challenges our admiration for his unwearied exertions in our behalf. I also present his correspondence.

There is a good prospect of another Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Republic of Switzerland.—One Lodge, Helvetia, No. 1, at Zurich, in charge of Brother C. HEINRICH, D. D. Grand Sire, who has rendered good service, as will appear by reference to his official correspondence here-

with submitted. The Lodge is small in number, but of good heart. I have received from Brother HEINRICH, accompanying the report of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, a draft for the dues of said Lodge, amounting in currency to $31.95. This amount I recommend to be returned, for the reason that the Lodge is in feeble pecuniary circumstances, and for the further reason that the Grand Lodge of the United States has not been in the habit of requiring percentage from subordinates in foreign jurisdictions. Brother HEINRICH speaks hopefully of the formation of Lodge No. 2, in Switzerland, at no distant period. I have found this officer prompt, zealous and capable. Reports of the institution of the new Lodges have been made and are submitted.

The whole number of members in Germanic Europe is believed to be about five hundred. The reports of the Lodges have been generally received. I am indebted also to Brother F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Representative, who originated this movement, for very interesting correspondence during the year, a portion of which is submitted, from which it will be seen that this brother has taken a very decided interest in the success of the cause, and has co-operated with the D. D. Grand Sires most cordially, rendering very effective service, as well by reason of his thorough knowledge of our system as by his general ability and familiarity with the German language. Soon after the adjournment of the session of 1870, Brother OSTHEIM, in consequence of the rapidly failing health of Mrs. Ostheim, who had accompanied him from his home in Oregon to Baltimore, felt it to be his duty, under medical advice, to repair with his wife to Germany, and did not return to his jurisdiction. Having previously received full mileage, he has accordingly repaid into the treasury a considerable portion of the return mileage, and advised me of his purpose to return the whole in a few days. The amount paid appears in the Grand Secretary's financial statement. Our brethren in Germany have held a convention to consider the subject of the formation of Grand Lodges in the several kingdoms, and will submit an application to the present session to organize one or more Grand Lodges.

I had the honor of transmitting the several votes of thanks, authorized at the last session, to the distinguished government officials, and others, who rendered essential aid in the introduction of the Order into the several kingdoms of Germanic Europe, and also to the several officers of our own government, who cordially co-operated, all of which were handsomely engrossed on diploma forms, and were transmitted to Brother WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, with instructions to cause them to be delivered through the several D. D. Grand Sires to the respective parties for whom intended. I have great pleasure in reporting that this service was handsomely performed by the respective D. D. Grand Sires, who have transmitted their replies and proceedings in the premises, which are herewith submitted.

Australia.—Since the last session, an interesting correspondence has been had with the authorities of the Order in Australia, which is herewith submitted. It relates for the most part to the difficulties under which they labor for want of correct and standard authority in the secret work, and their desire to be put in possession of a Book of Diagrams and a copy of the ritual. In replying to this communication I have expressed the opinion that the proper solution of this difficulty, and all others which grow out of their isolated and distant position, and the necessities of their peculiar condition, would be found in their entire separate and distinct recognition as sovereignties, or independent organizations, in every respect, except as to the ritual, A. T. P. W., and form of card. I have also received the "Companion," a monthly, published at Melbourne, Victoria, also the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, from which it appears that the Order is eminently prosperous. As it is of the highest importance that the utmost harmony, the best of feeling and uniformity should prevail between the Grand Lodge of United States and all its offsprings, to the end

that their labors for the common welfare may be effective and unified, I respectfully recommend that all questions touching our relations with them be now adjusted upon liberal principles, and I further renew the suggestion made at San Francisco, that they be furnished with a copy of the Diagrams, or that a Special Commissioner be sent to instruct them.

Sandwich Islands.—Odd-Fellowship was introduced into these islands at Honolulu, by the charter of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, first by irregular institution, and afterwards by warrant from the Grand Lodge of United States in 1847, p. 1098. An Encampment was also chartered, (Polynesian, No. 1,) in 1854, p. 2226. In 1863, the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That the Order in the jurisdiction of the Sandwich Islands be and is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of California, with the consent of the Subordinates therein."

The Order in this foreign country thus passed away from the national eye, and has not been heard of in the Grand Lodge of the United States since. At the last session, in my report, p. 5065, I called attention to what I considered an entire misconception of the character and extent of the power designed to be conferred by the transfer of Lodges and Encampments, under these circumstances, to the care of subordinate jurisdictions, and to the irregular practices which had grown up under it. The subject was not considered, and it is again presented, as well from the Sandwich Islands as from Utah and Oregon. It is important that the character and extent of this jurisdiction be defined, and especially is it so in relation to the Order in foreign countries, as nothing it would seem could be more anomalous than that the Order in foreign countries should be under the absolute jurisdiction of one of our Subordinate Grand Bodies. I recommend, as eminently proper and consistent, that the Grand Lodge of United States resume jurisdiction over the Order in the Sandwich Islands. The correspondence with this office is submitted.

Utah Territory.—Under care of Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Washington Territory.—Under care of Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Arizona Territory.—Under care of Grand Lodge of California.

Wyoming Territory.—Under care of Grand Lodge of Colorado.

REPORTS FROM IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES.

Reports have been received to 31st December, 1871, from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

Lodges.

Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico; members, 30; revenue for twelve months, $417.75.

Montana Lodge, No. 1, Helena, Montana; members, 55; revenue for twelve months, $1,196.40.

Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Deer Lodge City, Montana; members, 40; revenue for twelve months, $975.00.

Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Bannock City, Montana; members, 16; revenue for twelve months, $377.50.

Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Bozeman, Montana; members, 27; revenue for six months, $438.00.

Dakota Lodge, No. 1, Yankton, Dakota; members, 37; revenue for twelve months, $867.22.

Echo Lodge, No. 2, Fort Reynolds, Dakota; members, 30; revenue for six months, $941.45.

Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, Montreal, Province of Quebec; members, 53; revenue for six months, $424.91.

Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, Stuttgart, Wurttemberg; members, 75; revenue for six months, 1153.10 florins.

Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia; members, 76; revenue for six months, 956.5 thalers.
Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia; members, 40; revenue for six months, 347.5 thalers.
Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony; members, 61; revenue for six months, 330.5 florins.
Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland; members, 19; revenue for twelve months, 442 francs.
Lima, No. 1, Lima, Peru; members, 19; revenue for six months, $868.90.

Encampments.

Eagle, No. 1, Helena, Phillips county, Arkansas; members, 27; revenue for six months, $236 00.
Arkansas, No. 2, Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas; members, 63; revenue for six months, $365.50.
Fort Smith, No. 3, Fort Smith, Sebastian county, Arkansas; members, 22; revenue for six months, $204.00.
Walker, No. 5, Washington, Arkansas; members, 27; revenue for six months, $54.00.
Hooper, No .6, Augusta, Arkansas; members, 22; revenue for six months, $50.00.
Jefferson, No. 7, Pine Bluff, Jefferson county, Arkansas; members, 26; revenue for six months, $335.75.
Golden Rule, No. 8, Searcy, White county, Arkansas; members, 16; revenue for six months, $235.65.
Ridgely, No. 1, Nebraska City, Otol county, Nebraska; members, 39; revenue for six months, $91.90.
Hesperian, No. 2, Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska; members, 70; revenue for six months, $165.80.
Plattsmouth, No. 3, Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska; members, 16; revenue for six months, $109.50.
Saline, No. 4, Lincoln, Nebraska; members, 27; revenue for six months, $388.00.
Colorado, No. 1, Central City, Colorado; members, 14; revenue for twelve months, $149.50.
Denver, No. 2, Denver, Colorado; members, 45; revenue for twelve months, $549.55.
Bald Mountain, No. 3, Nevada, Colorado; members, 17; revenue for twelve months, $74.00.
Park, No. 4, Fair Play, Colorado; members, 12; revenue for six months, $143.60.
Wyoming, No. 1, Laramie City, Wyoming; members, 15; revenue for six months, $118.50.
Hope, No. 2, Cheyenne, Wyoming; members, 16; revenue for twelve months, $456.80.
Ancilla, No. 2, Tallahassee, Florida; members, 31; revenue for twelve months, $78.05.
Farnsworth, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia; members, 31; revenue for six months, 105 thalers.

WARRANTS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS.

Warrants have been issued for a Grand Encampment, and the following Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges during the recess:
Grand Encampment of Nebraska, June 8, 1872, located at Lincoln.
The Grand Encampment of North Carolina was revived at Raleigh.
Park Encampment, No. 4, January 16, 1872, located at Fairplay, Colorado.
Ashland Encampment, No. 5, February 19, 1872, located at Ashland, Nebraska.

Royal Encampment, No. 9, May 8, 1872, located at Batesville, Arkansas.
Rocky Mountain Encampment, No. 1, July 17, 1872, located at Helena, Montana.
Lima Lodge, No. 1, January 3, 1872, located at Lima, Peru.
Echo Lodge, No. 2, January 18, 1872, located at Fort Randall, Dakota.
Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, March 28, 1872, located at Salt Lake, Utah.
Western Star Lodge, No. 4, March 28, 1872, located at Bozeman, Gallatin county, Montana.
Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, July 17, 1872, located at Vermillion, Clay county, Dakota.
Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, November 27, 1871, located at Lychen, Prussia.
Templar Lodge, No. 4, December 9, 1871, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Concordia Lodge, No. 5, March 23, 1872, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Humboldt Lodge, No. 6, June 5, 1872, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Donan Lodge, No. 2, April 14, 1872, located at Ulm, Wurttemberg.
Schiller Lodge, No. 3, May 25, 1872, located at Stuttgart, Wurttemberg.
Minerva Degree Lodge, No. 1, April 27, 1872, located at Berlin, Prussia.
Einigkiet (Harmony) Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, April 28, 1872, located at Berlin, Prussia.
St. Lawrence, No. 2, Montreal, Province of Quebec, August 16, 1872.

RETURNS BY OFFICERS.

The returns made by the officers, by whom the several bodies were instituted, are herewith submitted.

NEW EDITION OF DIGEST.

The new edition of the Digest ordered at the last session, the production of which was committed to Brother JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Representative, has been published, and I am pleased to say, conforms in all respects, as to quality of work and material, to the former edition, and also fully responds to the special order requiring the addition of the enactments and decisions of the last session. Beside which the distinguished and highly gifted author has, of his own accord, improved the work essentially in other respects. In order to place the brethren who had purchased the former edition in as good condition as those who obtained the last, I had several thousand slips of the additional legislation struck off in such shape that they might easily be introduced. These were placed in the remaining copies on hand in this office and disposed of before the third edition was offered for sale. We have cause for congratulation at the acquisition of this valuable work, and the supply on hand will probably last for several years.

FINANCES.

The following statement represents the amount for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past Fiscal Year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session. Accompanying also is appended the usual report of stock on hand and supplies sold during the year. The statistical tables being only for a fraction of the year, between 30th of June and 31st of December, 1871, are of but little historic value.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 16, 1872.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Dismissal Certificates.	Books.	Odes.
Arkansas	.....	$ 75 60	.....	$163 35	$9 00
California	.....	598 68	$36 00	695 37	22 50
Colorado	.....	54 00	.....	10 80	1 08
Connecticut	$250 25	108 00	.....	79 65	13 50
Delaware	53 75	40 50	.....	9 50	.....
Dist. of Columbia	276 37	29 22	1 80	38 00	.....
Florida	19 60	9 00	.....	2 25	.....
Georgia	132 75	30 60	2 70	86 55	11 25
Illinois	.....	711 00	18 00	737 55	67 50
Indiana	.....	846 50	.....	400 00	50 00
Iowa	.....	432 00	.....	387 45	24 75
Kansas	.....	160 00	.....	297 75	27 50
Kentucky	56 25	160 00	.....	280 50	15 00
Louisiana	.....	50 00	.....	119 00	.....
Lower Prov. B. N. A.	40 78	20 00	4 00	.....	5 00
Maine	.....	169 00	.....	96 75	.....
Maryland	.....	144 00	9 00	86 85	9 00
Massachusetts	.....	400 00	.....	203 00	18 00
Michigan	.....	504 00	54 00	432 80	58 50
Minnesota	.....	50 00	.....	11 46	.....
Mississippi	37 50	46 80	5 58	362 70	11 48
Missouri	96 00	396 00	18 00	311 40	112 50
Nebraska	.....	54 00	.....	80 50	.....
New Hampshire	36 50	170 00	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey	.....	243 20	18 00	272 25	49 84
New York	849 00	828 00	18 00	617 50	67 50
Nevada	186 41	111 00	.....	87 75	11 25
North Carolina	75 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	136 00	1,080 00	.....	665 30	157 50
Ontario	342 25	99 00	4 50	144 70	13 50
Oregon	.....	94 14	.....	234 36	18 00
Pennsylvania	140 00	1,206 00	.....	1,637 50	148 50
South Carolina	16 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....
Texas	122 00	180 00	.....	343 00	22 50
West Virginia	5 00	135 00	14 40	143 55	11 25
Wisconsin	159 50	360 00	.....	579 00	22 10
	$3,030 91	$9,601 24	$203 98	$9,618 09	$978 50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 16, 1872—continued.

GRAND LODGES.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Arkansas	.....	$49 80	$150 00	$447 75
California	.....	1 00	150 00	1,503 55
Colorado	.....	7 32	75 00	148 20
Connecticut	$10 80	7 35	150 00	619 55
Delaware	.....	.....	150 00	253 75
District of Columbia	.....	4 48	.....	349 87
Florida	5 40	4 48	75 00	115 73
Georgia	.....	11 30	150 00	425 15
Illinois	.....	.....	150 00	1,684 05
Indiana	.....	.....	150 00	1,446 50
Iowa	.....	87 55	150 00	1,081 75
Kansas	.....	.....	150 00	635 25
Kentucky	.....	.....	150 00	661 75
Louisiana	.....	.....	150 00	319 00
Lower Provinces B. N. A	.....	.....	75 00	144 78
Maine	25 00	10	150 00	431 85
Maryland	.....	.....	150 00	398 85
Massachusetts	225 00	.....	.....	846 00
Michigan	.....	.....	150 00	1,199 30
Minnesota	.....	.....	150 00	211 46
Mississippi	.....	.....	150 00	614 06
Missouri	.....	.....	150 00	1,083 90
Nebraska	.....	.....	150 00	284 50
New Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	206 50
New Jersey	45 00	.....	150 00	778 29
New York	103 50	.....	150 00	2,633 50
Nevada	.....	.....	150 00	546 41
North Carolina	.....	1 48	75 00	160 48
Ohio	.....	.....	150 00	2,188 80
Ontario	.....	13 88	150 00	767 83
Oregon	.....	.....	150 00	496 50
Pennsylvania	.....	56 75	150 00	3,338 75
South Carolina	.....	.....	75 00	97 00
Texas	.....	.....	150 00	817 50
West Virginia	.....	3 38	150 00	462 58
Wisconsin	.....	23 30	150 00	1,293 90
	$414 70	$272 17	$4,575 00	$28,694 59

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 16, 1872.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Charters.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	.....	.....	.....	$90 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	13 25
District of Columbia	.....	.....	$4 50	9 00
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Illinois	.....	.....	108 00	217 80
Indiana	.....	.....	71 50	191 00
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	63 00
Kansas	.....	.....	90 00	90 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	36 00	4 00
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	.....	.....	.....	63 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	86 40
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	27 00
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	.....	.....	54 00	6 00
Nebraska	$30 00	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire	.....	$180 00	.....	30 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York	.....	.....	40 00	94 00
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Ohio	.....	.....	112 40	432 95
Ontario	.....	.....	17 40	23 85
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	120 00	398 50
Texas	.....	.....	.....	28 00
Vermont	.....	.....	11 60	7 00
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	2 00
West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	36 00
	$30 00	$180 00	$665 40	$1,975 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 16, 1872—continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Odes.	Dismissal Certificates.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
California	.....	.....	.....	150 00	240 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	75 00	88 25
District of Columbia	$2 25	.....	$1 75	.....	17 50
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	75 00	87 00
Illinois	.....	.....	.....	150 00	475 80
Indiana	4 50	.....	.....	150 00	417 00
Iowa	4 50	.....	7 50	150 00	225 00
Kansas	.....	.....	20 00	75 00	275 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	.....	150 00	190 00
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	75 00	138 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 40
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	150 00	177 00
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	75 00	111 00
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri	.....	.....	.....	150 00	210 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
New Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	.....	210 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
New York	.....	.....	.....	150 00	284 00
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	75 00	87 00
Ohio	.....	10 90	.....	.....	556 25
Ontario	.....	.....	.....	75 00	116 25
Pennsylvania	35 00	10 00	.....	150 00	713 50
Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00
Vermont	.....	.....	40	.....	19 00
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	75 00	77 25
Wisconsin	.....	.....	1 60	150 00	187 60
	$46 25	$20 90	$31 25	$2,625 00	$5,573 80

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing Sepiember* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 16, 1872.

SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Books.
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas....	.....	$9 10	.....	.....
Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Arkansas.	.....	36 55	.....	.....
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Ark....	.....	9 15	.....	.....
Walker Encampment, No. 5, Arkansas...	.....	5 40	.....	.....
Hooper Encampment, No. 6, Arkansas...	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Jefferson Encampment, No. 7, Arkansas.	.....	15 32	.....	.....
Golden Rule Encampment, No. 8, Ark...	.....	9 77	.....	.....
Royal Encampment, No. 9, Arkansas....	$30 00	.....	.....	.....
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska..	.....	9 19	.....	.....
Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Nebraska.	.....	16 58	.....	.....
Platsmouth Encampment, No. 3, Neb....	.....	10 90	.....	.....
Saline Encampment, No. 4, Nebraska....	.....	38 82	.....	.....
Ashland Encampment, No. 5, Nebraska..	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming Encamp't, No. 1, Wyoming T.	.....	11 85	.....	.....
Hope Encamp't, No. 2, Wyoming Ter...	.....	27 62	.....	.....
Denver Encampment, No. 2, Colorado...	.....	30 70	.....	.....
Bald Mountain Encamp't, No. 3, Colorado	.....	4 00	.....	.....
Park Encampment, No. 4, Colorado.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida.....	.....	7 90	.....	.....
Rocky Mountain Encp't, No. 1, Montana.	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico Ter.	.....	40 68	.....	.....
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana Ter....	.....	55 60	.....	.....
Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Montana Ter.	.....	87 30	.....	.....
Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Montana Ter....	.....	20 10	.....	$2 50
Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Montana Ter	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Dakota Lodge, No. 1, Dakota Territory..	.....	71 08	.....	.....
Echo Lodge, No. 2, Dakota Territory....	30 00	94 14	$1 80	.....
Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, Dakota Ter....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, Utah Territory..	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, P. of Quebec.	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, P. of Quebec.	30 00	.....	.....	.....
	$270 00	$616 75	$1 80	$2 50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 16, 1872—continued.

SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas..	.....	.....	.....	$9 10
Arkansas Encamp't, No. 2, Arkansas..	.....	.....	.....	36 55
Fort Smith Encamp't, No. 3, Arkansas.	.....	.....	.....	9 15
Walker Encamp't, No. 5, Arkansas....	.....	.....	.....	5 40
Hooper Encamp't, No. 6, Arkansas....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Jefferson Encamp't, No. 7, Arkansas...	.....	.....	.....	15 32
Golden Rule Encamp't, No. 8, Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	9 77
Royal Encampment, No. 9, Arkansas..	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska	$6 00	.....	24	15 43
Hesperian Encamp't, No. 2, Nebraska..	.....	.....	.....	16 58
Platsmouth Encamp't, No. 3, Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	10 90
Saline Encampment, No. 4, Nebraska..	.....	.....	.....	38 82
Ashland Encampment, No. 5, Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Wyoming Encap't, No. 1, Wyoming T.	.....	.....	.....	11 85
Hope Encamp't, No. 2, Wyoming Ter.	.....	.....	.....	27 62
Denver Encampment, No. 2, Colorado	.....	$10 00	.....	40 70
Bald Mountain Encamp't, No. 3, Col...	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Park Encampment, No. 4, Colorado...	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Ancilla Encampment, No 2, Florida...	.....	.....	.....	7 90
Rocky Mountain Encamp't, No. 1, Mon.	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico T.	.....	.....	.....	40 68
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana Ter..	.....	.....	.....	55 60
Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Montana T.	.....	.....	.....	87 30
Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Montana Ter..	4 80	.....	80	28 20
Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Montana T	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Dakota Lodge, No. 1, Dakota Territory.	.....	.....	.....	71 08
Echo Lodge, No. 2, Dakota Territory..	12 00	.....	55	138 49
Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, Dakota Ter..	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, Utah Territory	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, P. Quebec.	5 00	.....	55	5 55
St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, P. Quebec.	.....	.....	.....	30 00
	$27 80	$10 00	$2 14	$930 99

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 16, 1872.

INDIVIDUALS.	Miscellaneous.	Books.	Diplomas.	Rebekah Certificates.	Total.
Augustus Pfaff, of Pa	.....	.....	$25 50	$1 50	$27 00
F. S. Ostheim, of Prussia	$63 86	.....	.....	.....	63 86
Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of Pa	.....	.....	85 00	.....	85 00
M. C. Lilley & Co., of Ohio	.....	.....	36 00	.....	36 00
Sisco & Bros., of Maryland	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Omer O. Kent, of Colorado	.....	41 00	.....	.....	41 00
Wm. H. Barrett, of Virginia	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Ralph Williams, of Alabama	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Wm. H. Barnes, of New York	.....	4 82	.....	.....	4 82
John T. Redmond, of Virginia	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	6 00
J. Ward Ellis, of Illinois	.....	34 50	.....	.....	34 50
Walnut Grove Lodge, No. 186, Wisconsin	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
C. N. Hickok, of Pennsylvania	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
J. B. Whitaker, of New Jersey	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Charles Perkins, of Illinois	.....	3 50	.....	.....	3 50
F. M. Wilson, of Illinois	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
W. W. Carter, of Mass	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Belden Seymour, of Ohio	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Cash for one copy Digest	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Demopolis Lodge, No. 44, Ala	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Humane Lodge, No. 342, Pa	.....	3 50	.....	.....	3 50
John Gordon, of Tennessee	.....	42 00	.....	.....	42 00
Daniel Clark, of New Jersey	.....	4 00	.....	.....	4 00
John McGeoch, of Maryland	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Hugh Latham, of Virginia	.....	8 50	.....	.....	8 50
D. W. Morris, of Penna	.....	.....	6 00	.....	6 00
A. McGowan, of New York	.....	3 50	.....	.....	3 50
Wm. Crutcher, of Mississippi	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
S. B. Wolfe, of Maryland	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
G. M. Bosley, of Maryland	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Morgan Lodge, No. 19, S. C	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Thomas S. Taylor, of Ohio	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
O. C. Burroughs, of New York	.....	25	.....	.....	25
Alf. Bennett, of Missouri	.....	50	.....	.....	50
D. K. Kessler, of Penna	.....	35	.....	.....	35
Fred. Speak, of Kansas	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Worden Reynolds, of Wis	.....	50	.....	.....	50
Wm. Hill, of Massachusetts	.....	25	.....	.....	25
N. M. Eachren, of New York	.....	50	.....	.....	50
Continental Lodge, No. 117, New York	.....	50	.....	.....	50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 19, 1871, *and ending August* 19, 1872—continued.

INDIVIDUALS.	Miscellaneous.	Books.	Diplomas.	Rebekah Certificates.	Total.
D. B. Green, of Illinois.....	.....	$ 25	.....	.....	$0 25
L. G. Stiles, of Vermont.....	.....	50	.....	.....	50
Calvin Smith, of Minnesota..	.....	25	.....	.....	25
H. T. Wickersham, of Ark...	.....	25	.....	.....	25
H. B. Williams, of Michigan.	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
N. A. Very, of Massachusetts.	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Bethel Lodge, No. 12, Mass...	.....	25	.....	.....	25
Greenville Lodge, No. 94, Miss	.....	12 50	.....	.....	12 50
F. S. Parsons, of Mass.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25
Beaver Meadows Lodge, No. 92, Pennsylvania.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Monticello Lodge, No. 37, Ark	.....	50	.....	.....	50
Henry C. Miller, of Illinois...	.....	25	.....	.....	25
B. F. Thomas, of New York..	.....	50	.....	.....	50
W. S. Keach, of Maryland...	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
J. M. Hartly, of Indiana.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25
Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, D. C	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
R. S. Thornton, of Wisconsin	.....	25	.....	.....	25
C. B. Hendershat, of Iowa...	.....	25	.....	.....	25
C. L. Lincoln, of Mississippi..	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
W. B. Whitmore, of Georgia.	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
John C. Smith, of Illinois....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	6 00
C. D. Strong, of Minnesota...	.....	12 00	.....	.....	12 00
	$03 86	$252 42	$169 50	$1 50	$487 28

REVENUE.

From the ordinary sources, viz: Supplies and Representative Tax up to and inclusive of August 16, 1872	$35,686 66
Amount to be received, at or before the session	6,530 00
Making a total of	$42,216 66
Receipts from the same sources last year, per Grand Treasurer's Report, (Journal 5109)	$42,830 79
Deficit of 1872 over 1871	$ 614 13

But if the discount of 10 per cent. allowed by law during the past year, about $2,575.00 be added to the receipts of 1872, it will be seen that the revenue from these sources has had its natural and ordinary increase.

The finances are therefore in a very healthy condition, which affords us a continued source of congratulation. It will be wise, it is respectfully suggested, to await the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, after it has had a full knowledge of the appropriations of the session, and of the state of the treasury, before legislation is had looking to a reduction of the revenue. Without venturing to express any opinion as to the ability of the Grand Lodge to reduce the taxes now levied, I think it must be apparent that the proper subject upon which to make an abatement, if any, is upon supplies.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

An amendment is pending to the constitution, having for its object a change in the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, so as to unite the two titles of that officer into that of Grand Secretary; and to authorize the appointment by him of an assistant, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge. This suggestion came from the present incumbent, and was accepted and embodied at his instance, by the respected committee to which the subject of amendments to the constitution was referred at the last session. Further reflection has convinced me that to change the organic law in this respect would be unwise, when the advantage desired may be as readily attained by simple legislation. I recommend, therefore, that the proposed amendment be not adopted. Whilst on this subject, a remark or two, touching the reasons for this suggestion, which apply now with as much reason as heretofore, may not be amiss. The office of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is conducted at present with the same force as it has been for a quarter of a century past, notwithstanding the accumulation of work which has been going on from year to year. The assistant in the office has been the present Grand Messenger, who, by appointment of the Grand Secretary without any authority of law, has continued to perform such duties as have been assigned to him during that period, whilst his salary has been paid by the Grand Lodge in his capacity of Grand Messenger. The office of Grand Messenger is created by the constitution, and his duties are therein prescribed, none of which appertain to the office of the Grand Secretary. As assistant to the Grand Secretary, his duties are defined by that officer and not by law; hence, it is recommend that authority should be conferred upon the Grand Secretary to make the appointment of such assistant, to prescribe his duties, and to suggest from time to time to the Grand Lodge his proper compensation. The labors of this officer, I need not say, are highly responsible in his sphere and arduous, and his salary should be correspondent.

Although, as has already been observed, the work of the office has been much increased, I do not ask any further permanent force at this time. The change of the fiscal year has greatly relieved the pressure on the eve

of the annual session, and the temporary employment of aid during and immediately after the session, with occasional assistant service at other periods, it is believed will be all that is now necessary to enable the Grand Secretary to get along satisfactorily in his office. It is very obvious, and has been for some years, that a good reading clerk is required during the annual session, unless, as heretofore, some Grand Representative will kindly volunteer in that service, and the pressure to get the revised Journal out, and for the analytical index accompanying it, is equally apparent; a copyist is also sometimes needed, and I therefore request proper legislation in this direction.

ARCHIVES AND SUPPLIES—SECURITY OF.

It is possible that before another annual session of this Grand Body the Odd-Fellows' Hall in Baltimore city will be removed to make way for the opening or extension of a public street; and it is more than probable that the part of the building occupied by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary will be required for that object. In such contingency, during the recess, authority is asked by the Grand Secretary to rent a temporary office, with fire proof vault and ample store room. In this connection, I further remark, that power should be conferred upon the Grand Secretary to arrange with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the event of the necessity arising for the erection of a new hall, or the reconstruction of the present one, for providing in such building a fire proof office for the Grand Secretary, and for the preservation of the archives and valuable property of the Grand Lodge in his custody. Should he not be able to effect such arrangement, he should be authorized, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, to purchase a suitable lot of ground on which to erect a proper fire proof office. It is unnecessary for me to multiply words of admonition on this subject, since the peril to which we are constantly subject from fire is fearful, and our responsibility to the brotherhood, for remissness in this regard, is proportionate.

This report has, I fear, become desultory by reason of its great length, but the transactions of this department are so important and multifarious, and concern so essentially the general welfare, that I have, in obedience to a stern sense of duty, ventured, at the risk of prolixity, to present my views in detail, in order that all may know what is doing in this department, and that if error be committed, the proper corrective may be applied.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my brethren, in conclusion, allow me to give words to a few thoughts, which press upon me with irresistible force, suggested by the associations of the hour and the vivid memories which they awaken. It is almost a third of a century since, when comparatively a youth in years and experience, I entered upon the office of Grand Secretary of this august Grand Body: by your unreserved confidence and favor, I have continued its incumbent up to this day. The record will better contrast the position in 1841 and 1872 than any words which I could employ, and with more propriety. During that protracted incumbency, it would, indeed, be extraordinary if I had not committed errors, and if, with the best intentions otherwise, I had not sometimes counselled unwisely; yet, our beloved Order has suffered no detriment thereby, for its career has been always onward and upward, scattering, with generous love, the richest blessings in its pathway. The highest ambition of my life has been to prove myself worthy of your confidence. In this endeavor I have, in part at least, succeeded; since your faith in me as an officer has been unbounded, has never wavered, and has been the most cherished treasure of my life. To measure up to the vast responsibility, which such a confidence inevitably challenges from

a just man, has occupied my deepest solicitude and my most constant efforts. To know and feel that I have conciliated your approval, have won your love and your marked appreciation, gives me the assurance, that in your judgment, the trust has not been misplaced. How then, after the lapse of so many years of life, in so delightful a moral atmosphere, could this occasion give rise to other than fragrant memories! The retrospect of every one of these succeeding years, laden with such precious freight, is before me at this moment, and with overwhelming volume. The emotions which struggle within me, under such a train of thought, who can idealize—by what moral Alchemist may they be analysed? The past, the beautiful past, lies before me in grand perspective. Odd-Fellowship, from its tender years to its maturity, may be traced; its lights and shadows, ups and downs, and varied experiences may be progressively discerned, beginning far away in the distant horizon, following along its glorious pathway to its meridian sun. Of this we are sure, but what of the future, the great future? Echo says what! and reverberation, to use the beautiful idea of my brother MORSE, answers echo.

True, my brethren, no oracle will reach us from that future; true, no lesson nor instruction can it impart; yet, with unerring certainty the past will pronounce upon its performances: that past will be the voice of God, for it will be the law of cause and effect. The same labor, the same wisdom, the same devotion, the same fidelity, will produce in the future like fruits, yet richer and grander in proportion to the light and resources which experience will supply.

To realize this possession will be the heritage of our descendants, perhaps the privilege of some of this generation. The aged Patriarch, as advancing years cast their shadow upon his waning disc of life, may, like the captain of Israel's host, look out upon the distant promised land. In the presence of this pregnant moral, let *us* thank a beneficent God, who has lengthened our span of life,

"To the sere and yellow leaf,"

for the splendor of the vision.

For myself, I pray that my eyes may rest upon it to the end, as the sweetest solace of declining years.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Baltimore, Sept. 16th, 1872.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Stock on hand August 22, 1871, *amount received since, amount disposed of during the year, and amount on hand August* 31, 1872.

	Cards.	Dismissal Certificates.	Degree of Rebekah Books.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Grand Encampment Books.	Encampment Books.	Diplomas.
On hand August 22d, 1871.....	3,859	5504	150	488	831	263	570	13	39	537	2207
Received during the year.....	63,300	....	1532	3130	1520	....	....	..	..	1743	100
Total	67.159	5504	1682	3618	2351	263	570	13	39	2280	2307
Disposed of during the year.....	65,685	1568	1099	2408	1675	22	205	6	12	1194	1376
On hand August 31st, 1872.....	1,464	3936	583	1210	676	241	365	7	27	1086	931

STOCK ACCOUNT—continued.

	Odes.	Funeral Ceremony (German.)	Degree Lodge Installation Books.	Rebekah Certificates.	Rebekah Degree Lodge Installation Books.	Revised Journals, Volumes.	Form Books.	Digests.	Digest Amendments.	Forms for Opening and Closing Degree of Rebekah Lodges.
On hand August 22d, 1871.....	10.794	458	142	1110	312	250	642	300	....	6029
Received during the year	42.487	....	....	....	507	1000	....	3000	4000	....
Total.....	53.281	458	142	1110	819	1250	642	3300	4000	6029
Disposed of during the year.....	24,819	86	5	6	134	599	164	1377	3 4	50
On hand August 31st, 1872.....	28,462	372	137	1104	685	651	478	1923	3636	5979

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES DISPOSED OF *from August* 22, 1871, *to August* 31, 1872, *showing the cost of each article, selling price and profit.*

Number of each article disposed of.		Sold for.	Cost.	Profit.
Cards sold..... 65,685		$11,823 30	$1,031 25	$10,792 05
Charge Books sold.....2378 Furnished new Lodges 30	2408	4,275 00	722 40	3,552 60
Degree Books sold.....1645 Furnished new Lodges 30	1675	2,855 60	502 50	2,353 10
Encampment Books sold.1164 Furnished new Enct's. 30	1194	2,102 40	329 70	1,772 70
Rebekah Deg. B'ks sold..1081 Furnished new Lodges 18	1099	1,945 80	230 79	715 01
Odes sold.....24,819		1,116 86	248 00	868 86
Installation Books sold..... 22		39 60	5 94	33 66
Institution Books sold... 203 Furnished D. D. G. Sires 2	205	365 40	51 25	314 15
Installation of Officers of Deg. Lodges sold..... 5		2 25	1 80	45
Rebekah Institution Books sold 134		90 45	49 58	40 87
Form Books sold..... 91		81 90	36 40	45 50
Grand Encp't B'ks sold. 10 Furnish'd new G. En. 2	12	27 00	5 16	21 84
Dismissal Certificates sold..... 1568		282 24	45 47	236 77
Grand Lodge Books sold..... 6		16 20	1 20	15 00
Diplomas sold..... 1396		619 20	110 08	509 12
Rebekah Certificates sold..... 6		1 02	48	54
Forms for Opening and Closing Degree of Rebekah sold... 50		4 50	50	4 00
Funeral Ceremony (German) sold..... 66 Furnished new Lodges 20	86	59 40	3 44	55 96
Revised Jour. vols. sold. 92 By resolution G. L. U. S..... 507	599	288 90	288 90	.....
Digests sold.....1347 By resolution G. L. U. S..... 30	1377	3,047 00	2,643 84	403 16
Digest amendments of '71 sold..... 298 Furnished for 2d edit'n 420	718	61 35	61 35	... .
		$29,105 37	$6,370 03	$21,735 34

REPORTS *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the fractional periods of time therein indicated, up to December* 31, 1871.

LODGES.	No. Lodges.	No. initiat'd.	No. admit'd by card.	No. reinstat-ed.	No. withdr'n by card.	No. suspend-ed or drop'd.	No. expell'd.	No. Deaths.
G. L. Alabama	30	66	17	7	15	21	1	6
*G. L. Arkansas	33	275	74	7	44	96	1	12
G. L. California	188	830	256	96	307	292	18	74
G. L. Colorado	17	80	13	10	31	27	3	4
*G. L. Connecticut	30	271	34	7	31	70	....	14
G. L. Delaware	31	103	4	11	8	80	....	6
G. L. District of Columbia	13	59	9	20	13	50	....	19
*G. L. Florida	5	36	20	....	7	29	1	2
G. L. Georgia	32	203	33	28	50	96	4	11
G. L. Illinois	395	1769	470	266	603	1040	58	83
G. L. Indiana	350	1455	339	243	448	574	85	85
G. L. Iowa	199	719	229	52	208	383	16	35
G. L. Kansas	84	331	174	13	122	204	7	12
G. L. Kentucky	160	545	140	58	184	262	17	53
G. L. Louisiana	33	247	31	41	50	158	3	42
G. L. L. Provinces, B. N. A.	8	70	7	2	8	5	....	1
G. L. Maine	23	220	8	....	68	37	1	15
G. L. Maryland	99	459	71	68	53	558	7	83
G. L. Massachusetts	95	1061	86	56	91	86	2	68
*G. L. Michigan	147	917	128	97	210	464	16	24
G. L. Minnesota	28	144	42	5	40	65	2	7
G. L. Mississippi	41	139	45	51	56	98	7	16
*G. L. Missouri	234	1652	641	267	622	1030	115	102
G. L. Nebraska	30	141	75	8	33	81	2	3
G. L. New Hampshire	33	167	17	16	19	70	2	19
†G. L. New Jersey	137	1834	255	102	242	577	13	77
G. L. New York	306	3003	730	172	658	533	39	123
*G. L. Nevada	21	90	77	11	63	56	3	11
G. L. North Carolina	16	50	7	9	21	23	2	5
*G. L. Ohio	461	4565	1223	414	1560	1965	132	289
G. L. Ontario	57	772	58	8	113	98	2	5
*G. L. Oregon	45	156	81	14	64	33	6	6
*G. L. Pennsylvania	708	10,144	2285	785	2007	4644	157	751
G. L. Rhode Island	20	302	25	15	22	37	....	8
G. L. South Carolina	12	62	6	3	9	94	4	10
G. L. Tennessee	116	449	148	88	128	208	20	28
G. L. Texas	88	447	237	28	130	178	16	31
G. L. Vermont	15	78	6	3	15	36	5	6
*G. L. Virginia	39	253	18	65	44	131	8	18
G. L. West Virginia	62	362	81	35	111	239	5	23
G. L. Wisconsin	175	716	125	66	216	300	8	25
*New Mexico	1	2	1	....	2	3	....	....
Dakota Territory	2	55	4	2	11	.....	4	....
*Montana Territory	4	29	33	1	5	8	....	....
Province of Quebec, Montreal	1	25	....	....	3	.....	1	1
Prussia	2	76	6	....	11	.....	....	....
Wurttemberg	1	55	3	....	....	.....	....	....
Saxony	1	67	....	....	1	3	1	2
*Switzerland	1	6	....	....	....	.....	....	1
Peru	1	14	5	....	1	.....	....	....
	4630	35,571	8377	3250	8758	15,042	694	2116

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REPORTS *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the fractional periods of time therein indicated, up to December* 31, 1871—continued.

LODGES.	No. of members in good standing.	No. brothers relieved.	No. widow'd families relieved.	Amount p'd for the relief of brothers.	Amount p'd for the relief of widowed families.
G. L. Alabama	1,164	36	26	$718 00	$342 25
G. L. Arkansas	1,227	75	13	777 75	328 25
G. L. California	14,747	No further report.			
G. L. Colorado	797	27	.....	848 24	.....
G. L. Connecticut	3,451	90	5	2,725 00	217 62
G. L. Delaware	2,566	159	26	3,264 27	403 14
G. L. District of Columbia	2,389	222	52	3,907 19	2,174 52
G. L. Florida	129	16	3	128 00	20 00
G. L. Georgia	1,742	89	19	1,727 00	805 00
G. L. Illinois	19,287	854	121	23,290 74	2,408 17
G. L. Indiana	20,219	1,267	158	19,514 97	2,836 12
G. L. Iowa	9,858	194	21	2,620 00	270 00
G. L. Kansas	3,489	139	6	1,876 00	105 50
G. L. Kentucky	8,560	454	129	9,311 05	2,622 22
G. L. Louisiana	1,713	168	78	3,855 70	2,703 05
G. L. L. Provinces B. N. A.	462	.....	.....	160 17	.....
G. L. Maine	2,767	93	14	3,375 03	223 41
G. L. Maryland	13,728	962	72	25,848 18	9,411 00
G. L. Massachusetts	13,682	500	229	11,601 31	3,045 57
G. L. Michigan	8,557	185	45	4,221 61	1,206 91
G. L. Minnesota	1,463	38	4	686 15	101 20
G. L. Mississippi	1,634	53	7	645 50	198 83
G. L. Missouri	10,723	723	216	14,860 82	5,794 39
G. L. Nebraska	1,112	29	4	696 00	64 00
G. L. New Hampshire	4,215	179	12	5,591 57	728 28
G. L. New Jersey	13,344	950	105	26,407 58	2,169 41
G. L. New York	26,826	1,115	271	26,221 61	6,316 40
G. L. Nevada	1,335	168	7	7,643 00	482 15
G. L. North Carolina	907	18	1	185 50	10 00
G. L. Ohio	37,678	2,752	544	83,567 99	16,921 12
G. L. Ontario	4,115	132	17	1,549 40	582 33
G. L. Oregon	1,955	93	6	4,010 00	208 00
G. L. Pennsylvania	85,808	10,415	1729	217,402 71	19,517 23
G. L. Rhode Island	2,463	57	4	1,902 04	86 57
G. L. South Carolina	763	52	43	731 00	469 00
G. L. Tennessee	4,309	115	30	2,818 20	1,357 02
G. L. Texas	3,282	.....	.....	1,220 95	382 35
G. L. Vermont	741	12	10	220 75	50 51
G. L. Virginia	2,896	337	59	4,824 40	1,213 62
G. L. West Virginia	3,779	323	26	4,023 45	566 30
G. L. Wisconsin	8,365	117	49	1,831 57	1,021 65
New Mexico	30	2	.....	21 00	.....
Dakota Territory	138	1	.....	20 00	.....
Montana Territory	146	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pro. of Quebec, Montreal.	53	1	1	9 50	10 00
Prussia	116	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wurttemberg	75	1	.....	2 40	.....
Saxony	60	.....	.....	82 25	.....
Switzerland	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peru	19	.....	.....	.....	.....
	348,898	23,213	4062	$526,945 51	$87,373 09

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LODGES.	Amount p'd for education of orphans.	Amount p'd for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Total rec'ts.
G. L. Alabama	$18 00	$399 00	$1,477 25	$5,646 58
G. L. Arkansas	37 50	660 00	1,803 50	14,955 58
G. L. California	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Colorado	.....	244 00	1,092 24	6,458 78
G. L. Connecticut	19 50	495 00	3,457 12	38,629 50
G. L. Delaware	2 40	823 00	4,492 81	7,557 12
G. L. District of Columbia	842 74	765 75	7,690 20	11,945 05
G. L. Florida	42 00	75 00	265 00	1,215 95
G. L. Georgia	173 50	235 00	2,940 50	7,303 31
G. L. Illinois	106 50	1,972 43	27,777 84	87,285 30
G. L. Indiana	835 53	5,140 38	28,327 00	90,158 86
G. L. Iowa	85 50	1,050 00	4,025 50	28,834 50
G. L. Kansas	.....	464 63	2,446 13	No report.
G. L. Kentucky	364 32	2,386 40	14,683 99	30,607 62
G. L. Louisiana	84 80	1,742 70	8,386 25	15,744 27
G. L. L. Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	30 00	190 17	1,334 17
G. L. Maine	90 00	576 25	4,264 69	10,350 92
G. L. Maryland	1,143 51	3,841 00	40,243 69	63,214 80
G. L. Massachusetts	229 25	2,702 30	17,578 43	24,821 50
G. L. Michigan	.....	1,306 75	6,735 27	54,620 66
G. L. Minnesota	.....	110 00	897 35	7,410 54
G. L. Mississippi	.....	431 70	1,276 03	6,712 45
G. L. Missouri	2,902 53	3,935 40	27,493 14	86,328 71
G. L. Nebraska	.....	144 25	904 25	6,277 28
G. L. New Hampshire	.....	1,152 00	7,471 85	10,746 34
G. L. New Jersey	95 22	5,695 29	34,367 50	103,356 74
G. L. New York	194 50	8,275 13	41,007 64	128,235 33
G. L. Nevada	.....	1,034 35	9,159 50	34,419 42
G. L. North Carolina	.....	66 85	262 35	2,384 78
G. L. Ohio	446 30	10,954 18	111,889 59	298,667 21
G. L. Ontario	70 00	155 80	2,357 53	15,986 42
G. L. Oregon	.....	495 00	4,713 00	41,660 91
G. L. Pennsylvania	939 07	62,271 95	300,130 96	700,317 37
G. L. Rhode Island	.....	395 00	2,383 61	12,203 33
G. L. South Carolina	155 00	219 00	1,574 00	2,784 95
G. L. Tennessee	.....	987 00	5,162 22	22,189 78
G. L. Texas	434 54	1,177 10	3,214 94	21,506 57
G. L. Vermont	.....	150 00	421 26	1,807 51
G. L. Virginia	439 64	937 65	7,415 31	12,806 87
G. L. West Virginia	26 80	1,235 73	5,852 28	18,599 64
G. L. Wisconsin	6 00	1,056 75	3,915 97	23,320 90
New Mexico	.....	.....	21 00	417 75
Dakota Territory	.....	30 00	50 00	1,506 05
Montana Territory	.....	.....	.....	1,843 90
Pro. of Quebec, Montreal	.....	.....	19 50	424 97
Prussia	.....	.....	.....	859 98
Wurttemberg	.....	.....	2 40	461 25
Saxony	.....	.....	82 25	217 80
Switzerland	.....	.....	.....	83 93
Peru	.....	.....	.....	108 61
	$9,784 65	$125,819 72	$749,922 97	$1,794,361 76

REPORTS *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the fractional periods of time therein indicated, up to December* 31, 1871.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. Encampm'ts.	No. initiated.	No. admit'd by c'd.	No. reinstated.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. suspended or dropped.	No. expelled.	No. deceased.
G. E. Alabama.	7	11	2	....	....	20	....	....
*G. E. California	47	154	25	6	50	41	1	15
G. E. Connecticut	16	133	3	1	1	6	....	5
G. E. Delaware	7	10	....	3	....	7	....	1
G. E. District of Columbia.	4	15	2	2	2	21	....	7
*G. E. Georgia	10	28	2	2	2	7	1	2
G. E. Illinois	122	453	79	33	96	140	11	12
G. E. Indiana	108	350	50	42	61	95	6	17
G. E. Iowa	45	57	5	4	21	40	2	6
G. E. Kansas	18	71	9	....	1	29	....	1
G. E. Kentucky	41	136	9	8	16	37	5	9
*G. E. Louisiana	7	34	2	5	3	26	....	8
G. E. Maine	10	42	....	1	7	16	....	4
G. E. Maryland	23	91	19	9	19	47	2	17
G. E. Massachusetts	30	266	37	7	56	8	2	17
*G. E. Michigan	45	145	10	9	10	86	5	6
G. E. Minnesota	6	18	....	1	....	15	....	....
G. E. Mississippi	13	46	5	2	6	10	....	3
*G. E. Missouri	59	397	30	26	56	184	6	10
*G. E. Nebraska	5	45	24	....	10	5	....	2
G. E. New Hampshire	18	59	....	1	1	6	....	5
†G. E. New Jersey	44	405	61	13	50	84	4	11
G. E. New York	62	403	106	14	34	30	3	20
G. E. North Carolina	6	23	4	....	1	....	2	....
*G. E. Ohio	134	1297	224	91	265	374	23	94
G. E. Ontario	11	114	4	..	3	3	....	....
*G. E. Pennsylvania	198	1565	197	50	180	520	14	117
G. E. Rhode Island	9	64	1	3	1	3	....	2
G. E. South Carolina	4	12	....	....	....	....	....	1
G. E. Tennessee	35	51	5	7	4	28	2	5
G. E. Texas	21	56	28	5	9	17	3	5
G. E. Vermont	6	43	2	....	1	1	....	2
*G. E. Virginia	14	69	2	4	1	70	1	....
G. E. West Virginia	24	46	1	4	7	16	3	2
G. E. Wisconsin	54	160	43	8	57	122	....	7
Arkansas.	7	45	8	....	4	13	....	2
*Florida	1	5	....	....	1	....	....	....
*Colorado	4	28	9	1	....	....	....	....
*Wyoming	2	15	2	....	1	....	....	....
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	1	No report.		....	....	....	....	....
Prussia	1	10	22	....	1	....	....	....
Dakota Territory	1	No report.		....	....	....	....	....
	1280	6972	1032	312	1038	2127	96	415

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ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of members in good standing.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
G. E. Alabama	138	3	....	$ 21 25	.....
G. E. California	2,641	....	....	No further	report.
G. E. Connecticut	1,191	13	....	180 00	.....
G. E. Delaware	409	18	....	224 00	.....
G. E. District of Columbia.	675	46	13	915 25	$130 00
G. E. Georgia	388	19	1	298 00	.....
G. E. Illinois	3,945	64	2	1,033 00	17 00
G. E. Indiana	4,605	253	10	2,984 50	109 20
G. E. Iowa	1,762	17	1	198 00	6 00
G. E. Kansas	625	15	....	177 00	.....
G. E. Kentucky	2,182	99	21	1,704 05	130 00
G. E. Louisiana	274	9	....	95 00	.....
G. E. Maine	852	35	....	545 50	.....
G. E. Maryland	2,056	143	7	3,473 00	850 00
G. E. Massachusetts	3,737	64	1	1,514 00	30 00
G. E. Michigan	1,566	10	....	155 00	.....
G. E. Minnesota	179	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Mississippi	254	13	....	100 00	.....
G. E. Missouri	2,096	53	1	821 00	1 00
G. E. Nebraska	175	8	....	273 00	.....
G. E. New Hampshire	1,454	48	....	544 07	.....
G. E. New Jersey	2,454	166	....	2,716 46	.....
G. E. New York	4,115	....	....	No further	report.
G. E. North Carolina	133	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Ohio	9,647	888	47	20,362 44	951 00
G. E. Ontario	472	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Pennsylvania	13,770	1,803	48	37,014 04	1,307 22
G. E. Rhode Island	712	10	....	300 00	.....
G. E. South Carolina	198	5	....	25 00	.....
G. E. Tennessee	939	8	....	100 50	.....
G. E. Texas	515	....	....	54 00	.....
G. E. Vermont	209	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Virginia	576	75	1	813 00	24 50
G. E. West Virginia	755	40	....	652 00	.....
G. E. Wisconsin	1,727	3	7	47 00	140 00
Arkansas	203	1	....	12 00	.....
Florida	34	....	....	.....	.....
Colorado	88	....	....	.....	.....
Wyoming	31	....	....	.....	.....
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Prussia	31	....	....	.....	.....
Dakota Territory	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	67,813	2,929	160	$77,352 06	$3,695 92

REPORTS *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the fractional periods of time therein indicated, up to December* 31, 1871—continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
G. E. Alabama	$	$ 20 00	$ 41 25	$ 384 80
G. E. California	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Connecticut	.....	.....	180 00	2,408 94
G. E. Delaware	.....	70 00	294 00	616 00
G. E. District of Columbia	.....	240 25	1,285 50	1,772 47
G. E. Georgia	.....	70 00	368 00	1,599 00
G. E. Illinois	.....	42 00	1,092 00	8,494 53
G. E. Indiana	27 16	775 00	3,895 86	10,142 48
G. E. Iowa	.....	.....	204 00	2,534 96
G. E. Kansas	.....	.....	177 00	1,623 63
G. E. Kentucky	.....	345 05	2,179 10	4,632 81
G. E. Louisiana	.....	70 00	165 00	1,752 76
G. E. Maine	.....	.....	545 50	1,529 95
G. E. Maryland	.....	857 50	5,180 50	7,499 96
G. E. Massachusetts	.....	160 00	1,704 00	9 905 02
G. E. Michigan	.....	80 00	235 00	6,221 62
G. E. Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	495 02
G. E. Mississippi	.....	110 00	210 00	937 97
G. E. Missouri	.....	140 75	962 75	7,270 99
G. E. Nebraska	.....	30 00	303 00	1,244 85
G. E. New Hampshire	.....	.....	544 07	1,704 52
G. E. New Jersey	.....	220 00	2,936 46	10,047 04
G. E. New York	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	619 65
G. E. Ohio	.....	2,043 75	23,357 19	62,061 08
G. E. Ontario	.....	.....	.....	1,267 19
G. E. Pennsylvania	50 00	7,078 92	45,450 18	96,171 12
G. E. Rhode Island	.....	45 00	345 00	1,966 03
G. E. South Carolina	.....	20 00	45 00	210 25
G. E. Tennessee	.....	60 00	160 50	2,053 65
G. E. Texas	.....	95 00	149 00	1,490 69
G. E. Vermont	.....	10 00	10 00	445 29
G. E. Virginia	.....	100 00	937 50	2,218 28
G. E. West Virginia	.....	90 50	742 50	1,716 01
G. E. Wisconsin	.....	100 00	287 00	2,598 63
Arkansas	.....	.....	12 00	1,769 65
Florida	.....	.....	.....	79 05
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	906 15
Wyoming	.....	.....	.....	575 30
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prussia	.....	.....	.....	69 30
Dakota Territory	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$77 16	$12,873 72	$93,998 86	$259,036 64

DOCUMENTS

Accompanying Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report.

CIRCULAR RELATING TO EDUCATION, ASYLUMS, LIBRARIES, &c., IN THE SEVERAL GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, March 1st, 1872.

To.....M. W. G. M.
G. L. of.....

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Herewith please receive a copy of a proceeding had in the Grand Lodge of the United States, at September session, 1871, which I am directed to bring to the attention of the different jurisdictions for the purpose of obtaining the information designated in the resolution accompanying. I will be greatly obliged if you will cause the statistics on the subjects referred to, if any, in your possession, to be transmitted to this office at as early a moment as practicable.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD-FELLOWS.

R. W. G. L. U. S.

At the annual communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., held at Chicago, September session, 1871, among other proceedings the following was had:

Representative DURYEA, of South Carolina, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Schools and Asylums, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Schools, Asylums, Libraries, and Charity Funds, ask leave to report:

That in the short time allowed them to devote to the vast, important, and interesting questions contained in that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire which has been referred to them, and the want of means by which to obtain accurate information as to what has been done and is doing by the various jurisdictions in this behalf, it is impossible for them to make any suggestion or to submit any plan for the action of this Grand Body at this time which would be at all worthy of the great objects contemplated by the report. It seems to the committee that this Grand Body cannot act understandingly unless it can have before it all the information as to the different plans adopted by the various jurisdictions, which have entered with zeal into the great works of Education and Charity, and how the same have succeeded; and they would therefore respectfully suggest that some mode may be devised by which this information may be collected during the recess, so as to be ready to be laid before this Grand Body at its next session, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to issue circulars to the different jurisdictions, asking full statistical information as to what they

have done and are doing in establishing schools, colleges, asylums, libraries, general relief associations and charity funds, showing amounts subscribed and expended, and the mode and plans of operation, and such other information as may be necessary to enable this Grand Body to fully understand the subject. Respectfully submitted.

R. S. DURYEA,
JOS. H. GARDINER,
H. F. HUBBARD,
WILL. P. SHARP,
JOHN F. DRISCOL.

True copy from the Journal.
TEST:

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

CIRCULAR TO GRAND SECRETARIES.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 18th, 1871.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I address you at this time upon a subject of the highest importance, and respectfully invoke your earnest co operation, as without this aid, cordially and efficiently rendered, all my efforts for the accomplishment of the object in view will be powerless. You are aware that at the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Article X of the By-Laws, which prescribes the character of the annual reports, was essentially modified, and that in connection therewith the fiscal year was changed from 30th June and 1st July to January 1st and December 31st. The object of the change was two-fold: first, to get rid of much unnecessary labor to Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, in returning names and cause of expulsion; secondly, to make the statistical reports embrace a *uniform* period, to wit: from January 1st to December 31st, to correspond with the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Thus sufficient time will elapse between December 31st and April 1st, to enable Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes to enforce reports from delinquent Secretaries or Scribes so that they may have abundant leisure to digest and arrange their annual returns for this office in good season. In this way, it is believed each year's work can be made complete within itself, and the statistics will be uniform, accurate and reliable. In order to accomplish this end, Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes will have to incur some little trouble and labor in the beginning to set the system successfully in motion.

The following advice is respectfully suggested in this connection: let each Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe, as the case may be, prepare and forward to each Subordinate a special form of report from 30th June *up to and including the last meeting night in December;* this period, embracing only a fractional part of the year, will nevertheless be the return for the first year: thereafter, the period from January 1st to December 31st, constituting the fiscal and statistical year, Grand Jurisdictions may legislate in conformity therewith, if they desire to make their local system harmonize with that of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Agreeably to this plan, a special report, embracing statistics from June 30th, 1871, to December 31st, 1871, will be forwarded to this office on or before April 1st, 1872, accompanied with the whole amount due to the Grand Lodge of the United States for representative tax, supplies or dues.

Yours, fraternally, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

AUSTRALASIA.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

HENRY VINE, Baltimore January 15, 1872.
Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australasia.

MY DEAR BROTHER: I had the honor, several days past, of transmitting to your official address, a copy of the revised Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., session of 1871, held at the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d days of September. This will be followed, as soon as the printers supply this office with the means, with the proper quota authorized by law for each of the Grand Jurisdictions under your charge, viz., one hundred copies, which will be forwarded via San Francisco, and which I trust will reach their destination in good condition

You will perceive upon examining this interesting and elaborate volume, that Odd-Fellowship has become one of the fixed institutions of society throughout the world, and that its Supreme Head is called upon to supervise its welfare and multifarious interests with the utmost diligence and the most profound solicitude. In so far as the immediate relations of the Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand are concerned, I am happy to say, that in a good degree, their wishes have been met. I submitted, conformably to the requests of those Grand Bodies, their application for a modification of the restrictive terms of their respective Grand Charters, and the Grand Sire concurring, an earnest recommendation was added by him in its behalf. With great unanimity the Grand Lodge removed the restriction *as to age*, the vote being 112 yeas, 4 nays. See page 5169 Journal. This result will be the more gratifying to you, when it is recollected, that in order to reach it, it was necessary to change the fundamental law, by which the qualification for membership is prescribed. Few changes in this law have been made since its adoption, and only in cases of pressing necessity. The remaining restriction complained of, that of "color," will have a favorable disposition, in my opinion, in due time, in so far as foreign jurisdictions are concerned. In this connection I remark, that the name and style of the Grand Lodge of the United States is intimately involved in this subject, in view of its relations of affiliation with its offspring and its greatly cherished idea of universality. This point challenges an early consideration, and should it embrace the surrender to all foreign Grand Jurisdictions of the exclusive regulation of their local and domestic affairs, this restriction as to "color" will thereby be remitted to yourselves.

The law makes it the special and exclusive duty of the Grand Sire to communicate the annual password, which he has doubtless long since done, and in all probability he has also informed you of the general legislation of the session; I shall not, therefore, occupy your time by any remark in that direction. Before passing from the proceedings of Chicago, I cannot forbear for a moment to revert to the awful calamity by fire, which befel that beautiful city, in about one week after our adjournment. The grand hotel, Sherman's, among the finest in the West, in which more than one hundred representatives, many with their wives and daughters, were domiciled, was in a few hours totally destroyed, and with such rapidity that some of the inmates barely escaped with their lives. How grateful should we all be that this visitation did not transpire a few days previously. While I am on this subject, allow me to say, that although the fame of this appalling desolation has doubtless reached you through the Press, yet no even approximate description can supply an adequate idea of the reality. In a few days, a city of over 300,600 inhabitants, the third in magnitude on

this continent, was absolutely "*wiped out.*" If, however, the vast sufferings which it entailed, the destruction of property and life which it involved, the poverty, ruin, misery, general desolation and woe which followed in its train were unprecedented perhaps in history, so was the God-like virtues which it summoned to the surface, and the sublime humanity which it developed without a parallel since the world began. Our Order, true to its noble principles, made a record in this history which will ever consecrate it to the love and affection of the people. Its contributions reached $130,000 in aid of the sufferers.

I received a few days ago a package containing the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, October session, 1870, from Grand Secretary J. W. SHARP, to whom be kind enough to make my acknowledgments for his attention. I regret to say that this package remained in the Custom House at San Francisco for several weeks, and that I only received information of the fact from a friend in the public service who saw the address on the box. I at once wrote to Grand Secretary JOHNSON to pay the duty and forward it to me at Baltimore. This was promptly done, no duty being chargeable, and I now have the volume with the greatest pleasure. Hereafter, it would be well to address all packages for this office to the care of T. ROGERS JOHNSON, San Francisco. The Journal of the Grand Lodge of Victoria is admirably kept, and evidently Brother SHARP is an accomplished officer, emphatically the right man in the right place. The deliberations of the Grand Body were wise, cautious and highly practical, and what, perhaps, is most important, sound upon all questions of law. I was forcibly struck with the able and comprehensive presentation of the general welfare by the Grand Master, and especially was I pleased with his dignified and overwhelming discomfiture of the recusant Lodges, which, under miserable pretexts, had abandoned their fealty to their Grand Lodge, and recklessly violated their obligation. One of these divided their funds among themselves, the other joined the Manchester Unity.

You all rejoice, I am sure, with us, at the continuous advance of our beloved Order in every direction where the spirit of inquiry and tolerance prevails, and although here and there opposition lifts it head, it is so feeble, and obviously partisan and envious, that if unnoticed, it soon dies out for want of sustenance. I trust that you will not relax your efforts to add other conquests to your already valuable acquisitions, and that ere long Odd-Fellowship on the continent of Australasia will recognize but one source of origin, one Order and one organization.

The 18th Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States provides, as you are aware, for a *quasi*-representation of foreign Grand Lodges in that body, "with a deliberative voice, but not a vote in the proceedings thereof." Now, my brother, since the improved facilities of intercourse between Melbourne and San Francisco, how easy would it be for your two Grand Lodges to unite in sending such a representative to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in this city, in September, 1872. I need not say, that such a presence here would be hailed with general acclaim, and that the advantages which the Order in Australasia would derive from such a visitation would be incalculable. The majesty and power and value of our Order, which you now see comparatively through "a glass darkly," would be seen "eye to eye and face to face," and your appreciation of it would correspondingly rise to a juster and more accurate level. Thenceforth, I predict your field of labor would be greatly extended, and your rewards abundantly secured. However this may be, we shall ever feel the deepest solicitude for the success and prosperity of the Order in Australasia, and be always ready to aid, in every way in our power, the advancement of so desirable a consummation. Accept the assurance of our abiding love, and our fervent prayer, that our

joint labors in this good cause may continue in the future, as they have in the past, to commend themselves to the favor of *Him*, without whose smiles no human work can prosper.

With sentiments of profound respect, I am,
Fraternally yours,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

A. I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF VICTORIA.
Geelong, 15th Jan., 1872.

To the Right Worthy Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Our last annual communication was held at Ballarat, in the new hall lately erected by the brethren there, and proved a very successful, although a long and arduous meeting. The laws, which had previously been submitted to a sub-committee, coming up for final revision and adoption, the consideration of them occupied a long time, but we trust and believe that the time expended will result eventually in the increased prosperity of our Order in this jurisdiction. Among other business then transacted, I have more particularly to bring to your notice, and that of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, a motion that was adopted, and which, by the terms of our Charter, "that the secret work shall be identical," must sooner or later be complied with. We have every wish to carry out our obligations, but it was clearly shown, at the late meeting, that, even in the short space of time that has elapsed since our affiliation, differences have arisen, and, as we learn, no standard to refer to, we cannot, of course, decide whether any particular portion of the work as given by one brother, however high in the Order, is correct, when another brother of equal standing may dispute its correctness.

Your late Grand Sire recommended that our application for a book of diagrams and full exemplification of the unwritten work should be acceded to; your Right Worthy Grand Lodge did not then, however, see fit to grant the request, but as, under Divine Providence, the Order is happily extending itself, we submit that there is the more reason that our working should be alike, and we, therefore, trust that such a work will be furnished to us, we, of course, undertaking that such shall not be copied, and shall only be in the possession of the Grand Master for the time being. I have great pleasure in transcribing the remarks of your Grand Sire in furtherance of the motion adopted here, as they are so just, and so fully exemplified in our case, that they merit the earnest consideration of your Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

"In my judgment, care should be taken to thoroughly ground all foreign jurisdictions in the work, and to instruct them carefully in the jurisprudence of the Order. Should the Order continue to expand and be diffused through these instrumentalities, it is important that precision and accuracy should be maintained, otherwise, in process of time, from slights or comparatively unimportant innovations or departures from the text, inextricable confusion will follow. Our success depends, in truth, in a great measure, upon strict uniformity in the work."

The reports of our late annual meeting are not quite ready for distribution, but I shall take an early opportunity of forwarding you some copies for distribution. I much regret you sent me none of your last meeting, as I have had repeated inquiries for them. I trust in future that you will not let expense stand in the way, as the brethren here are only too anxious to hear of what is doing on your side, as to the extension and increase in our Order.

Since I last wrote you, we have opened a Lodge at the Lehigh Road in this district, and one at Sandhurst, and one at Castlemaine, on the Melbourne side, both on account of the increased prosperity of the mines in that direction likely to prove large and valuable additions to our Order.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

J. W. SHARP.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JOHN W. SHARP, Baltimore, March 15, 1872.

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Victoria.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your official letter of 15th January, and accompanying copy of January No. of "Odd-Fellows' Companion," are received. The communication, I assure you, is most welcome, and its interesting contents are highly appreciated. We rejoice that, notwithstanding the difficulties of your isolated position, you still maintain a firm and unshaken devotion to our beloved Order, and a tenacity of grasp to our unity, which trials of no ordinary magnitude have been able to relax. It is refreshing to observe in this example, so honorable to you and so complimentary to Odd-Fellowship, a beautiful illustration of our principles, and to witness the fruit which these principles never fail to yield when cast upon a congenial and willing furrow. The very interesting recital of the proceedings of your annual communication, at Ballarat, has given us great pleasure, indicating, as it does by the gravity of the subjects considered, by the spirit of fraternity which prevailed, by the promptitude and business dispatch displayed during the whole session, a devotion and fidelity worthy of our highest admiration. I sincerely congratulate you on the eminent position which Odd-Fellowship has attained in your jurisdiction, and cordially unite with you in the hope which you express, that the legislation of your Grand Lodge, at Ballarat, "will result, eventually, in the increased prosperity of our Order in your midst." Before proceeding to notice the several important subjects to which you refer, which I shall do succinctly, I remark, touching your suggestion as to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of September session, 1872, held at Chicago, Illinois, that, in consequence of the destruction of that city, by fire, soon after the adjournment, the Journal of Proceedings, which was being printed there, was burned up, requiring the entire work to be reproduced as an unavoidable necessity. This was done with all possible dispatch at Philadelphia, from which place the work was issued from the Press only on the last days of January, 1872. One hundred copies were at once sent to HENRY VINE, D. D. Grand Sire for Australia, at Melbourne, under the care of T. ROGERS JOHNSON, Grand Secretary, San Francisco, California. From this explanation you will perceive that I have not lost sight of my duty and of your just claims upon our unremitting attention.

We are not unadvised, my brother, as to the disadvantages under which you, as well as all other distant jurisdictions, labor in relation to the secret work, especially in view of the very limited opportunity of original instructions which you have enjoyed, and your entire denial of all means of comparison with recognized authority. I may say, briefly in this connection, that in my judgment the difficulty will be met at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. On this and all kindred subjects involved in the establishment of proper relations between the Order in this country and its offspring in other nationalities, the present Grand Sire, and his immediate predecessor, have harmonized. They have pressed their

views, with becoming earnestness before the Supreme Grand Body from time to time, and I beg to assure you that increased experience and the growing extent of the necessity of legislation in this regard have seemed to strengthen their opinions and to stimulate efforts in this behalf. I am assured that your full prosperity can only be fairly developed when you shall be *quasi*-sovereign in your jurisdiction, when, in no sense, you will be subordinate to us except in the language of the Order, in the proper means of identifying your character, and of preserving unbroken and untrammelled your affiliation. We shall continue to urge these sentiments before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and do not doubt but that, ere long, the mind of our brethren will be educated aright in this all-important respect. Be patient, hopeful, and earnest, and trust to time, enlightened counsels, and that instinctive love which constrains us toward you. This is no new subject, my brother; so far back as 1844, upon the formation of the Grand Lodge of Texas, then an independent Republic, the Grand Secretary earnestly presented the question of sovereign relations with our brethren of different nationalities, urging precisely the argument now employed, and recommending the same policy of *quasi*-sovereignty; (Journal, 622.) That recommendation was endorsed by the committee to whom it was referred unanimously, the chairman of which was one of the most illustrious men who ever honored a seat in the Supreme Grand Body, (viz., PETER DELLA TORRE, of South Carolina, Journal, 693.) Again, upon the organization of the Grand Lodge of British North America, a like policy was urged and adopted, with great unanimity, although unwisely, as I deferentially think, restricted by resolutions which now fetter your power and resources, (Journal, 855, 932, 963.) I may add also, as appropriate, before closing this reference, that, as cognate to, and in fitting relationship with this subject of propagating our Order into foreign lands, at that early day, some of our most eminent men proposed the change of the style and title of the Order with a view to render its name and mission consistent and characteristic. At the session of 1846, SAMUEL H. PARKER, then a Representative from New Hampshire, and more recently an eminently distingushed Representative of California, moved the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire and report upon the expediency of changing the name and title of this Grand Lodge, from the Grand Lodge of the United States, to the 'Grand Lodge of America,' and make such alterations in the Constitution and Laws as may conform to such change." (Journal 860.)

Thus you will perceive that our brethren have long mooted this all absorbing subject, and that there has been no indifference to the important interests which it involves, which has hindered satisfactory legislation in the premises. The truth is the very gravity of the question itself, and the vast scope of its application, have challenged mature deliberation. It will be remembered that ours is an immensely extended and powerful organization, representing nearly a half a million of souls, and some eighty separate jurisdictions; beside which, the legislative head of this constituency assembles but once a year, having a mass of business to transact. Thus due allowance must be made for delays and postponement of important subjects, from time to time, until the general sentiment and the pressure of circumstances demand their solution. The continuous extension of the Order into distant countries, and its growth and general prosperity in such jurisdictions, seems now to constrain a final disposition of these questions. I trust you will have received the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States for 1871 ere this reaches its destination, from which you will be fully advised of our splendid prosperity in every respect; of the beautiful spirit of harmony and concord which dwells among us, and of our deep solicitude for our offspring throughout the world. From our Press, which has now become a powerful arm of our service, you will also learn that we

have recently planted our standard in South America, by the institution of Lodge No. 1, at Lima, in the Republic of Peru.

And now, in closing this dispatch, let me assure you, and the brethren at large in Australia, that we cheerish you all in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth, and invoke in your behalf, from our common Father, his choicest blessings. Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

A. I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. OF VICTORIA,
7 Collins street East, Melbourne, July 1st, 1872.

TO JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR BROTHER: I have only just time before the closing of the mail to acknowledge the receipt of your very welcome letter of the 15th January last, which only came to hand by the last Californian mail, as well as the copy of the revised Journal of the Grand Lodge United States, session 1871, which I received two mails previously. I am not aware where the fault lies, but the postal arrangements between the two countries seem to be very imperfect, and I think may likely become more so, as the Victorian Parliament has refused to confirm the arrangements made by the Government here and John Webb, who wished to establish the line of steamers between the two ports. I have not, however, received the copies for distribution as mentioned in your letter, but I have no doubt they will arrive in good time. I did not receive any copies for distribution of the session of 1870, and am consequently at a loss to know what has become of them. I see by the report of the Grand Sire at the last session, that he has misinterpreted a portion of a communication from me to him, to mean that I had duly received them. The Journals to which I then referred were three specially addressed, one to each of the Grand Lodges here, and one to myself. I have, in a subsequent letter to the Grand Sire, pointed this out to him.

I have forwarded by this mail fifty copies of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, session of 1871. They are directed to the care of Grand Secretary JOHNSON, of California, as you requested. I would have forwarded them before, but was under the impression that they had been sent by Brother SHARP.

The legislation had at the last session of your Right Worthy Grand Lodge, so far as it relates to foreign jurisdictions, has given universal satisfaction to the Grand Lodges here, and I believe will greatly conduce not only to extend the Order and its influences, but also to strengthen that feeling of brotherly love, and mutual dependence and support, which is one of the fundamental principles of our Order. The concessions then made have not yet been acted upon, because the Grand Lodges have not met since the official intimation of your action arrived, but I doubt not at the next session the Grand Lodges will show that they are not unmindful of the liberal manner in which they have been treated at your hands.

I duly received from the Grand Sire the annual passwords, and transmitted them in due course to the respective Grand Lodges under my jurisdiction. In my communication to the Grand Sire, acknowledging their receipt, I asked him to forward me a copy of the constitution used by your Rebekah and Degree Lodges, but there has not yet been sufficient time to receive an answer. As it frequently happens that circumstances arise when precedent would be of valuable assistance to us here, would you,

Brother RIDGELY, as a favor to myself, send copies of such laws or other matter as your experience and judgment will dictate to you as being likely to be of use to us.

Your remarks about the Chicago fire are, although perhaps unintentionally on your part, rather severe upon us. We feel that we did not show that strong feeling of benevolence and charity which we profess, in allowing the affair to pass over without contributing our mite to the general fund, but the fact is, we had at the time several claims upon the sympathy of the brotherhood here, that the matter, although stated, met with but little response, except in the hearts of our members, and which, I may assure you, was both deep and sincere.

In reference to your suggestion about appointing a representative from the two Grand Lodges here, I may state that I think it will be some time before such can be accomplished, unless we are fortunate enough to have some one who is eligible, and in whom we can repose sufficient confidence to entrust with so important a duty, and who is willing to bear all expenses. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodges here are both considerably in debt, and although their liabilities are being steadily reduced, it will be some time before they are in a position to pay the expenses of a representative to your Grand Lodge. I have no doubt, however, that it will be quite practical in the course of a very few sessions, and then the subject can be brought prominently before them. There can be but little doubt of the advantage to be gained by such a course. Although we are not at present in a position to adopt your suggestion, allow me to assure you of the strong feeling of fraternal regard possessed by the members of the Order here towards their brethren in America, and of their fervent prayer, that the Almighty will watch over and protect the influence of our beloved Order, and extend them all over the civilized globe.

With feelings of the deepest regard, believe me to be,

Fraternally yours,

HENRY VINE,
S. D. Grand Sire for Australasia.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G L. U. S.

W. C. PARKE, Baltimore, January 17, 1872.
P. D. D. G. Sire, Jurisdiction Hawaiian Islands.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:* Your esteemed favor of 2d November, 1870, was received by due course of mail, but found me confined to my room with severe illness. The importance of the several subjects to which it refers demanding immediate attention, I transmitted it to the Grand Sire, with a request that he would reply. I had the honor to receive a communication from that officer inviting my opinions on the several points suggested in your letter. A concurrence of views between us was the result, and as you have doubtless already been placed in possession of that opinion, I do not deem it necessary to do more at present than to acquit myself of my duty in acknowledging the receipt of your letter and of rendering a satisfactory explanation of my seeming neglect in not making an earlier reply. In my last annual report, page 5065, under caption of Sandwich Islands, I took occasion to refer to the particular subject of which

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* For letter of 2d November, 1870, see correspondence of Grand Sire, page 5315.

you speak, viz., the character and extent of the jurisdiction designed to be conferred upon Grand Bodies over subordinates assigned to their charge, which are located outside their territorial or geographical limits. In that communication I expressed the opinion that the design was to place such subordinates only *temporarily* under contiguous Grand Bodies, in view of their remoteness from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and of their greater opportunity of obtaining information and instruction; having in view always to reclaim jurisdiction over such subordinates whenever their interests or the general welfare might require such procedure. I also in this connection referred to the substitution of new charters, which had been done in some instances by these Grand Bodies, for the original issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and asked that proper legislation be had in the premises. I regret to say, that owing to oversight or inadvertence, this part of the Grand Secretary's report was not referred to a committee, and hence the matter was not considered. Under my views of your relation to the Order, the charter of your Lodge, derived from the Grand Lodge of the United States, is your only legitimate and proper warrant of authority as a Lodge; the same view applies to the condition of Polynesia Encampment, No, 1, which charter may be reclaimed at any time by a sufficient number of its original members upon application to the Grand Sire, the original charter being now in this office, returned by you while D. D. Grand Sire. You state that your Lodge now holds its charter from the Grand Lodge of California; if such be the case, it is a very irregular proceeding, and no report of such fact has ever been made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor has any authority to that effect been conferred except by implication from the transfer of jurisdiction. Your prestige as to nativity, age, number and name is an original and indefeasible right, of which you could not be divested even by special authority of law without your consent. I recommend that you repossess yourself of your original charter and cherish it as a memorial worthy of all veneration and affection. Of course I do not mean to find fault with any body for this proceeding. My views have no official authority, and those of the Grand Sire are authoritative only until the Grand Lodge of the United States shall have passed upon them. His decision in this case, which is in harmony with my own, will be considered at the next session; until then the whole subject must be deferred. Touching the other question, that of "*color*," you are aware that a like application has been made from Australia and South America, and that the change contemplated involves an amendment of the fundamental law, Article XVI Constitution, which prescribes the qualifications for membership in the Order. Such a general change as this is not likely, although I think that at no very distant period legislation will be had in so far as foreign jurisdictions are concerned to meet the difficulty; it appears to be the general sentiment that all such countries should adopt local regulations suited to their condition and general welfare. At the late session you will perceive that an important change of law was made, which removes the qualification *as to age* for membership in all jurisdictions not on this continent. I am aware of the very high degree of improvement and intellectual culture attained by the class of population to which you refer, and which you designate "half whites," being the issue of the Caucasian and Polynesian races, and I sincerely regret that our laws should be so stringent as to interpose obstacle to the admission of so large and respectable and worthy a portion of your citizens. Let us hope that this impediment, in so far at least of people of such caste, may be speedily removed. Allow me to say, as the Grand Sire has doubtless already informed you, that the charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, will be placed in your possession upon application of the Patriarchs named. Sincerely hoping that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, may continue to prosper, and that Odd-Fellowship may diffuse itself throughout the various Hawaiian Islands wherever civilization

exists, I beg to make my grateful acknowledgment to you individually, and to the brotherhood at large, for many kind expressions of regard and esteem with which you and they have so kindly honored me.

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

HONOLULU, May 8, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, U. S. A.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your kind favor of the 17th of January I have received, and should have answered it sooner, but owing to absence on the other islands I have been unable to attend to it.

I am much pleased to hear from you that you are again in your usual good health and at your old post.

I received the letter from the Grand Sire and was greatly obliged to him for answering mine.

At the time we severed our connection with the Grand Lodge of the United States, we supposed we were under the control of the Grand Lodge of California, and received from them a charter, but we have retained the charter from the Grand Lodge, so that if there is any mistake we can return the charter to them should the Grand Lodge direct.

In regard to the charter of Polynesia Encampment, prior to the arrival of your letter, the members of the old Encampment supposed that we were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, (and not wishing to do any thing which they might think discourteous,) sent to the Grand Encampment of California for a charter.

If our charter which we hold from the Grand Lodge of California is irregular, will you not do us the favor to have it rectified so we shall know how we stand, for I supposed that the matter of our transfer was known to you and the Grand Sire at the time I wrote you.

The original charter we still have and cherish as a memorial of affection. It is the oldest charter this side of the Rocky Mountains, and we are proud that the doors of Excelsior Lodge have been opened every Tuesday night since December 10th, 1846; and we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have had as good a Lodge in regard to members as there is in the jurisdiction of the United States of America.

In regard to the subject of *color* it is a source of trouble to us; it seems as though we were too exclusive and thought ourselves better than other members of the human race; and when the Masonic Order admits them and we don't, it works bad. My views on the subject are, that the matter should be left for *us* to decide and admit such persons as we know are of good character and can speak, read and write the English language.

I notice that branches of the Order have been established in Peru, and that the natives of that State have been admitted; if such is the case why cannot we admit our half-caste, as they are considerably lighter in color than the Spaniards, if not more so.

I am happy to inform you that our Lodge is in a flourishing condition. We are out of debt, have a fine building, and $3000 at interest.

The brethren wish to be remembered to you, and for myself allow me to express my kind regards for your endeavors in behalf of our Order.

Be pleased to convey my best regards to Grand Sire STUART, and permit me to subscribe myself,

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

W. C. PARKE, *P. D. Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

W. C. PARKE, Baltimore, May 30th, 1872.
P. D. Grand Sire, Sandwich Islands.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 8th instant is to-day at hand, being only twenty-two days on its voyage from your island in the Pacific ocean, across the North American continent, to this city. What a wonder! and how grandly does it illustrate the march of civilization under the inventive genius and the mighty intellectual grasp of man! The fact is a pregnant one, and leads me to a reflection upon its effect on the moral as well as the material welfare of the human family. This is not the place nor the occasion in which to indulge in this thought, inviting as the inquiry might be, in view of the growth, development and influence of Odd-Fellowship, and its general diffusion, by the aid of the universal facilities of intercourse which are thus being superinduced among distant peoples. My special purpose is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, to express to you, in sincere words, my great pleasure to hear of your continued health, and of the comparative prosperity of our beloved Order in your country. Touching the anomalous and undesirable condition of the government of the Order in the Sandwich Islands, I have to express my regret that there is no power at this time in the Grand Sire to interpose—the condition must await a solution at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, when, I have no doubt, it will be found mutually advantageous to the Grand Lodge of California and the brethren in Honolulu that the jurisdiction should be resumed by the Grand Lodge of the United States. At all events, the subject will be remitted to that Grand Body for its decision. Meanwhile, I beg to say, that we shall always rejoice to hear from you, and, in view of our propinquity, and the great mail facilities which exist, there is no reason why our communications should not be frequent. It is true that we have established a Lodge in Peru, South America, but no natives have been admitted, nor can they be, so long as the constitution remains as it is. I regard the condition of your Lodge, considering its many difficult surroundings, as eminently prosperous. I salute you in the bonds of a brotherhood having for its object the grandest cause which the human heart could espouse. Although separated by an entire continent, and by three thousand miles of ocean, yet we are brethren of one family and of one household; that family is the human race, that domicil is the world. May God, who has ever been our stronghold and support, continue to inspire the genius of man with ability to bring His children nearer to each other, not only in space and place, but nearer in heart, in sympathy, in communion in that sweet fellowship which our law proclaims to be the true relation of man.

With my sincere personal regard, and my earnest prayer for the welfare of Excelsior Lodge and its members individually,

I beg to be, your brother,
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

MEMORIAL.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Hon. HENRY F. GAREY, Baltimore, April 12th, 1872.
R. W. Grand Representative.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of yesterday, accompanied with parcel endorsed as follows:

"Presented for preservation by HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M., and Grand Representative, Baltimore, Md., April 10th, 1872." This parcel comprises a printed programme of regular toasts drank at the banquet given by the merchants and business men of Baltimore to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., on Friday, 22d September, 1865. Also, two copies of bill of fare, printed in gold letters upon a satin base, the one of blue color, the other of scarlet. These splendid specimens of art and taste record not only the food proper which was served, but also the names of the contributors to the banquet, and of the distinguished gentlemen who addressed the assembled guests of the occasion. This memorial of one of the most interesting episodes in the history of our Order, is, as you well consider, worthy of preservation, and I shall have great pleasure in having it properly cared for in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

With sincere respect, I beg to remain, yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

THE ORDER IN PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 13th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: On the 11th I wrote you a few lines commenting on the delay and disappointment of not hearing from Peru, South America. This morning the steamer arrived from Peru, and bringing me the enclosed two letters, which I forward to you, keeping a copy of the same. My object in doing this is that if you have any suggestions to make to do so while I get everything ready. I will write Brother N. HURWITZ by next steamer, which leaves on the 16th, informing him that everything will be forwarded by the steamer following. I will give all the instructions necessary to Brother PASCOE, as well to the brethren about to form the Lodge, as few Installing Officers are aware that should one of the petitioners be absent he is not and cannot be a charter member; and to guard against any unforeseen circumstance will advise them to hunt up an additional brother who is in the possession of a card to be placed on the dispensation, and such other instructions which may suggest themselves at the time of writing and will be to their advantage. Hoping to hear from you ere I send books, &c., (about the 1st October,) with best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS SOHER.

I send a copy of Brother PASCOE's letter.

ENGINEER'S CAMP, SUMBAY RIVER,
Arequipa and Puno R. R., Peru, July 27, 1871.

LEWIS SOHER, Esq.

DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER: Yours under date of May 17th came to hand a few days ago.

The time I shall stay in this country is very indefinite, but I have just commenced to locate the second division of this line, as division engineer, which will take me at least four or five months, so there is every reasonable probability that I shall be here long enough to institute the Lodge, provided you see fit to require my services. I may be here for some time afterwards. I am very busy now, but can spare the time to go to Lima for the purpose if necessary.

Your letter I will enclose to Brother HURWITZ, who can answer several

of your questions better than I can. While I was at Lima I told the brothers what kind of a room they would need to meet in, and they told me they would see that the suggestions were complied with. I am now in the mountains, my present camp being at an elevation of thirteen thousand five hundred feet above sea level, and it may seem strange to talk about cold weather in a tropical climate, but we have cold, freezing weather every night. Have met but few brothers of the Order since I have been in this part of Peru. Most of the foreigners are centred about Lima, the capital of the country and headquarters for all important business.

I should be very much pleased to have you send me a copy of the "New Age," as I feel interested in knowing something of the progress of the Order.

There is another JAMES PASCOE (curious to say) in this part of the world, and is employed on this railroad as contractor. The surest way for you to address will be as follows, (in Spanish,) "Sr. Dn. SANTIAGO PASCOE, Enjenero Lina de Arequipa y Puno, cuidado de NATHAN HURWITZ, Lima, Peru, S. A." I have been thus particular in giving you the address, because if the letters were sent here they might get into the other man's hands.

Wishing you all, individually and collectively, health and prosperity, I remain, Fraternally yours, in F. L. T.,

JAMES PASCOE.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 10th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is sometime since I wrote you, and was in hopes that by this time I would have received the glad tidings of the institution of Lima Lodge in Peru, but by the letter just received from Brother HURWITZ, (extract of which please find enclosed,) you will see that the Lodge was to be instituted about New Year. I will here state that when I received the letter from Past Grand PASCOE, and which I forwarded to you while in Chicago, I wrote him and to Brother HURWITZ that the regalia ordered and other articles would be sent by next steamer, which sailed from here the 2d October. Besides the regalia I sent him (furnished by Mr. JOHNSON) two Charge, two Degree, one Rebekah Degree, and Institution Books, Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, Question Book, Odes, Reports, Bonds, Journals, White's Digest Grand Lodge United States, in fact every thing required for conducting Lodge business properly, with such advice and instructions as to avoid any unforseen circumstances which would interfere with their organization.

I hope to get all the information by the middle of February, when I will be able to transmit to you the report of the institution of the Lodge. Also will send you copies of the letters sent to Brothers Past Grands PASCOE and HURWITZ in September and October.

Fraternally yours, truly,

LEWIS SOHER.

CALLE DE UNION, 238,
Lima, Peru, November 27th, 1871.

LEWIS SOHER, Esq.,
San Francisco, California.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of September 15th came duly to hand, but could not answer sooner, since the box containing books, regalia, etc., came only in my possession a few days ago, therefore the delay; but I take pleasure at present to acknowledge the receipt of the same. I am sorry to say the Lodge cannot be institututed before New Year, owing to the advanced time of the year. Our prospects are good, but I find a

clause in the Digest Grand Lodge United States, 1097, 1098, which gives the Order in this country a heavy blow; since even the President of the Republic is of Indian descent, and with very few exceptions are of Indian or mixed blood, though the better classes being highly educated, therefore will have to recruit exclusively on foreigners. I have secured rooms for a hall in a quiet part of town, and we have for our next neighbor an English Masonic Lodge. Therefore no fear of trouble need be apprehended. I have written to Brother P. G. SANTIAGO PASCOE, and expect him here shortly before New Year. Have my thanks for the kind advice you have given me, and be assured that I will try to profit by it. It is in fact no easy matter to start a Lodge, but having commenced it, it will ever be my aim to further it.

I hope to make your acquaintance at some future day (but not before I have seen our noble Order blossom in this country, in order to teach men the beautiful principles of Friendship, Love and Truth) to thank you personally for the kind advices with which you have assisted me.

The Lima Odd-Fellows' Society send greetings to you. Joining with you my prayers for a speedy and successful establishment of the Order here, I beg to remain, dear friend and brother, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

Fraternally yours,

N. HURWITZ.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, January 20th, 1872.

LOUIS SOHER, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very gratifying communication of 10th instant, accompanied by copy of letter from Brother HURWITZ, dated Lima, November 21st, 1871, is received, for which kindness please have my sincere acknowledgments. The delays which have been inevitable in the establishment of the Lodge at Lima have been vexatious, it is true, but, nevertheless, out of this very necessity good has been educed, as is often the case in the affairs of men. The question which Brother HURWITZ brings to the surface as to the constitutional qualification for membership, in relation to color, is one of the fruits of this delay, and it is only a matter of surprise to me, in view of this prohibition, as to a large majority of the people of South America, which our laws seem to interpose, that he did not at once decline to institute the Lodge. The same difficulty, you are aware, has been presented from Australia, and very recently it has come up from the Sandwich Islands, and it is quite possible that we may also hear of it from Europe. It must, in fact, present a serious impediment to the propagation of Odd-Fellowship outside of the United States, and it must be met at once, if we hope to continue to diffuse the Order abroad. It is, under all circumstances, highly gratifying, that Brother HURWITZ has taken a sound and philosophical view of the position, and has acted wisely. We must adjourn to the future, and to the powers charged by law with this important subject, its proper solution. You have the thanks of the Most Worthy Grand Sire for your especial attention to this trust, and I fondly hope that you will be rewarded by a consciousness of having fully met all the responsibilities of the appointment, and of having merited the approbation of your brethren at large. In a very short time now we may expect to receive intelligence of the institution of the Lodge, when you will receive a formal and final recognition of your valuable aid. I rejoice with you in the prosperity of the Order in California.

With sincere regard, your brother,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

San Francisco, February 15th, 1872.

James L. Ridgely,

Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

My Dear Sir and Brother: By the arrival of the Panama steamer last evening, I am in the receipt of a letter from James Pascoe, P. G., informing me that Lima Lodge, No. 1, was instituted on January 3d, 1872; he also informs me that Brother Philip Barnes, one of the petitioners, was unavoidably absent in consequence of being out of the city, whose name was stricken off the dispensation, and Brother George J. Schmidt substituted, whose card I received and will forward to you with a copy of Brother Pascoe's letter at an early day.

I am sorry that the institution had to be so long delayed, but when it is considered that it takes nearly three months to get an answer to letters, and that a good many had to be written, in order to have a proper understanding and bring the matter to its present conclusion, it will at once be seen that the delay was unavoidable. And now since the first Lodge has been established in South America, I trust it will continue its onward course in Peru as well as in other countries, and if some change is made in the present laws, the Order is bound to spread and prosper. You will see by Brother Pascoe's letter unless the present law is modified it will be a drawback to the Order in Peru and other countries.

And now, my dear brother, since my mission as Special Commissioner has brought forth the long looked for result of the establishment of a Lodge in Peru, I trust the M. W. Grand Sire will accept my thanks for the trust reposed in me, and would ask the appointment of Brother James Pascoe as S. D. Grand Sire for Peru, and a commission as such to be issued to him. I will forward to you copies of letters as soon as communication is open, and if you or the Grand Sire have any suggestions to make, I will be in constant communication with Brothers Pascoe and Hurwitz, and will be pleased to hear from you.

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS SOHER.

I. O. O. F.

Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Dr. Lewis Soher, Baltimore, February 26, 1872.

Special Commissioner.

My Dear Sir and Brother: Your very prompt and gratifying letter of the 16th instant informs me, that by the arrival of the Panama steamer at San Francisco, the day previously, you had received intelligence from James Pascoe, Past Grand, of the formal institution of Lima Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., on the 3d January, 1872. I shall transmit your communication without delay to the Grand Sire, who will have the greatest pleasure in making his acknowledgments to you for a result which has mainly derived its success from your energetic and persistent instrumentality in its behalf.

The delay, to which you refer with regret, in the accomplishment of this success, has not been greater than might have been reasonably expected, in view of the difficulties arising out of the distance and the length of time unavoidable in making proper communications with the parties. It will, doubtless, be the duty of our Supreme Legislative Body to consider gravely whether the modifications of our laws relating to qualifications for membership should not be carried at least one step further than was reached at the last session, in their application at least to our foreign jurisdictions. Should such counsels prevail, I agree with you in opinion, that the onward march

of Odd-Fellowship is certain, not only in Peru, but in all other civilized countries.

Your recommendation of Brother JAMES PASCOE, as Special Deputy Grand Sire for Peru, will command, as it deserves, the highest respect. With my sincere congratulations to you for the just distinction you have earned, not only by the highly satisfactory termination of your labors, but for the marked ability and discretion which you have displayed in the management of this important trust, and with the reiteration of the expression of my sincere personal regards, I have the honor to be,

Very truly, yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
G. C. and R. Secretary, G. L. U. S.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am in receipt this day of a letter from Brother HURWITZ, dated March 13th, with the enclosed constituton, by-laws and preface as adopted by Lima Lodge, No. 1, with the request to have them printed here.

They have adopted the constitution of the subordinates of this State, and the by-laws of some of the Lodges in San Francisco. As Lima Lodge, No. 1, is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I send them to you for approval; as soon as returned will attend to their request and forward them with the other articles ordered for the use of the Lodge.

Brother HURWITZ says they have made slow progress so far, only admitted eight members since the institution, (13 now,) but the future looks bright, and the members are active, therefore I may confidently say we know no such word as fail. I will write by return steamer, and inform him the cause of delay. He no doubt thought they could be approved here.

I send the preface for your perusal, so that you may judge what the future may be; from a conversation I had with a brother who came from Peru and had resided there for about two or three years, he said that as soon as the railroad on which Brother PASCOE is stationed crosses down to the Amazon Valley, there will be a large emigration of foreigners, and no doubt Lodges established. You will please return the papers as soon as convenient, so as to cause as little delay as possible. Have you or the Grand Sire sent the A. T. P. W.? He informs me they have neither term or A. T.; the last, 1870, was sent to Brother PASCOE, also the key we used here.

Should you wish to communicate with Brother PASCOE, S. D. Grand Sire, direct as follows: Senor Don SANTIAGO PASCOE, Enjenero Lina de Arequipa y Puno, Arequipa, Peru, and to Brother HURWITZ, 238 Calle de Union, Lima, Peru, as requesting me in their last letters. Hoping to hear from you occasionally, I remain as ever,

Yours truly and fraternally,

LEWIS SOHER.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Dr. LEWIS SOHER, Baltimore, April 22d, 1872.
Past Special Commissioner for Jurisdiction of Peru.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am this day in receipt of yours of 11th inst., accompanied by the Constitution of Lima Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.,

at Lima, Peru, South America, and also by a report of a committee of that Lodge, charged with the preparation of a formal preface to the constitution, which documents you transmit, as you advised me, for approval, with a request that they may be returned for printing when approved. I have read both papers with as much care as my time would permit, and am pleased to say that I perceive nothing objectionable in either of them, but on the contrary, much to commend. In fact, the example which the elaborate preface supplies could be properly copied by nine-tenths of our Lodges, which have been formed without preserving any authenticated historical memorials of their origin. Our brethren of Lima Lodge, No. 1, have been very prominent in this regard, and have, with good wisdom, recorded in detail all the incidents connected with the organization of the Lodge, so that the posterity of the Order in Peru, in all time to come, will be in possession of the minute history of Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction. I cordially congratulate them for their proper judgment in this particular, and for the very happy and concise form in which they have embodied the narrative. I now return these interesting papers to you, but I regret to say, not with the official approval which you desire. The prerogative of passing upon constitutions and by-laws, adopted by the subordinates to this jurisdiction, resides, under our laws, exclusively in the Grand Lodge of the United States. You have been, in sending them here, impressed with the idea, I presume, that during the recess the Grand Sire had such power, which is frequently conferred by the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions upon the Grand Master and his associate elective Grand Officers. Such is not the case in this body; hence I return them without delay, that you may take such course in the premises as in your judgment may be proper. I am not authorized, nor indeed prepared to advise a course on your part, yet I feel that delay, or indecision in the matter, in view of the necessities of the case, would prejudice the progress of the Order in Lima. To wait until the Grand Lodge of United States assembles in September next, before printing, would postpone the subject vexatiously, for no corresponding advantage, it seems to me, for the reason that the constitution is almost the ordinary literal form used by Subordinate Lodges, and, if amended at all by the Grand Lodge of United States, would not be in essential particulars.

The Grand Sire is now absent, and as the law makes it his *personal* duty and prerogative to send the A. T. P. W. to subordinates under this immediate jurisdiction through the D. D. Grand Sire, I presume he has duly transmitted it. I will, however, call his attention to the subject. Meanwhile you are at liberty to serve us all by sending it out by any safe channel. Term P. W. the D. D. Grand Sire always supplies. I am obliged to you for the respective addresses of Brother PASCOE, S. D. Grand Sire, and of Brother HURWITZ, and I shall take great pleasure in communicating with them, but I can assure you that our time is so precious, in view of the mass of work which our wonderful prosperity is constantly piling upon this office, that I fear it will be some time before I can gratify my wish in this regard. Meanwhile may we not ask you to continue to keep up your correspondence with this jurisdiction in a sort of semi-official way; this will be gratifying and useful to them, and to us it will be at once a relief and a favor. I rejoice with you at the brilliant prospect before Lima Lodge, No. 1, and hope that your useful life may be spared to witness this great development, to the success of which you have contributed so largely.

With sincere regards, believe me to be, truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

VOTES OF THANKS.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JOHN C. SMITH, Baltimore, April 1st, 1872.
M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Illinois.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the greatest pleasure, by command of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to transmit to you, under official attestation, the accompanying proceeding of that distinguished Grand Body.

Allow me, in the discharge of this very agreeable office, to add the expression of my profound personal respect and my sincere wishes for the continued prosperity of our beloved Order within your jurisdiction.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS,

Hon. JAMES L. RIDGELY, Galena, July 29th, 1872.
R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary G. L. U. S.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of April 1st, accompanying resolution of thanks from Grand Lodge United States to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, has but just come to hand—been resurrected from the dead—letter post office, no doubt. The cause of the delay and continuous travel through and over our "Uncle's" mail routes I cannot explain, as the original envelope does not accompany the letter. I shall esteem it an honor to present the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge United States, and your fraternal letter, to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at its next session, and beg leave to assure you that the brethren of Illinois will ever deem it an honor to have been favored with a session of the Supreme Head of our beloved Order, and to have the great pleasure to have entertained that august body in the great city of the north-west, Chicago, just previous to the great calamity which nearly swept it from existence. Sad as was that disaster, it has but proven to the world that we deal not in words but in acts; that our charities are as extensive as the globe. The Odd-Fellows of Illinois will continue in the good work, so as to ever merit your esteem and approbation.

With assurances of my best wishes that you may long live in the enjoyment of health and prosperity, that we may have the benefit of your counsel and experience, I am, fraternally yours,

J. C. SMITH, *Grand Master.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Hon. JOHN G. ROGERS, Baltimore, April 2, 1872.
Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have great pleasure in transmitting herewith a duly certified copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its annual session, held at the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, September, 1871. Allow me, in the performance of this very agreeable office, to say that the occasion and the munificent hospitality to which the proceeding so honorably refers, will be each long remembered and cherished as beautiful episodes in the voyage of life, by all who had the good fortune to participate in their enjoyment.

With sentiments of profound respect, with the most pleasant memory of my visit beneath your hospitable roof, and my best wishes for your health and happiness, I beg to be, Very truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

CHICAGO, ILL., May 27th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Constant engagements have prevented an earlier acknowledgment of the receipt of your very kind letter of 2d ult., with a certified copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., tendering thanks to me for the "reception" given its officers and members during the September session, 1871, in this city. I assure you, my dear sir and brother, that the occasion to which the resolution refers was certainly as gratifying to my family and myself as it could possibly have been to those who honored us by their presence, and that it will be with us always a most pleasing memory.

I prize very highly, and will preserve, the beautiful and elegantly engrossed copy of the resolution, as a testimonial of fraternal regard worthy of transmission to my children and their descendants.

I beg *you* to accept my thanks for the admirable and very pleasing manner in which you have performed what you are pleased to term a very agreeable office.

With sincere respect for you as a man and an Odd-Fellow, and with ardent wishes for your good health and long life, I am, sir,

Very respectfully yours,

JNO. G. ROGERS.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

J. WARD ELLIS, Baltimore, April 2, 1872.
R. W. G. Rep., President General
Committee of Arrangements.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Accept herewith the sincere acknowledgments of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., testified by its unanimous vote, transmitted to you this day, attested by the official signatures of the Grand Officers and by its great seal.

This memorial gives expression to the high sense of appreciation entertained by your brothers for your assiduous and laborious exertions in the performance of the difficult duties committed to your charge, touching the comfort and pleasure of the Grand Lodge upon the occasion of its assemblage in the city of Chicago, in September, 1871. It affords me very great pleasure to be the instrument of the distinguished Grand Body by which the prodeeding was had, in placing in your hands the document, and allow me to add that I sincerely trust that you may continue to enjoy the confidence and esteem of your brothers.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, April 15th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of the 2d inst., accompanying the engrossed resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States,

so highly complimentary to the committee of reception and entertainment of that R. W. Grand Body at the session held in Chicago, September, 1871, came duly to hand. I can only say in acknowledgment, that the honor is warmly appreciated, and the testimonial will ever be treasured in remembrance of the joys of the occasion referred to. To be assured that my efforts contributed to the happiness of my brethren during their sojourn in our city is indeed a great satisfaction. My pen is incapable of expressing the heart's emotions, and I trust my brethren will not think me indifferent to the high honor conferred because of my brief note of acceptance.

With many thanks to you, and through you to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States,

I am, fraternally yours,,

J. WARD ELLIS, *R. W. G. Rep.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

E. B. SHERMAN, Baltimore, April 2, 1872.
Secretary Committee of Arrangements.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I transmit by "Express" herewith, by direction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., a duly attested copy of a vote unanimously passed at its September session, 1871, held in the city of Chicago, of which you are the honored subject. I trust that you will cherish it through life as it deserves to be cherished, as a hallowed reminiscence not only of pleasant days and much loved friends, but as an evidence of high appreciation entertained for your personal worth and generous attentions and courtesies by your brother Odd-Fellows.

I pray that you may be long spared to continue your usefulness to our beloved Order, to adorn the social circle, and to deserve well of your fellow men. Yours, fraternally.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Chicago, April 15th, 1872.
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary
G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md.

DEAR BROTHER: The reception of your esteemed and unexpected favor, and the "resolution" adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its recent session in Chicago, engrossed in so elegant and beautiful a manner, has touched me to the heart. Sensible that I am undeserving of so great an honor, I cannot doubt it to be an honest expression of affectionate regard, and as such it will be cherished with the choicest souvenirs of the most intimate friendships of my life. Stamped with the significant emblems of our Order, I shall ever be reminded thereby of the lessons taught and the obligations assumed at our sacred altar.

Graced as it is with the autographs of the Most Worthy Grand Sire and Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, whom I honor and reverence for what they have done, and love for what they are, it becomes a priceless treasure, which I shall protect as carefully as the Lares and Penates which are enshrined at my hearthstone, and guard it as jealously as my own personal honor.

Accept for yourself and distinguished associates assurances of my most profound respect and exalted esteem.

Fraternally yours,

E. B. SHERMAN.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 4th, 1872.

To the Brotherhood of Chicago:

I have the honor, in obedience to the accompanying proceeding of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of United States, to transmit the same under my official signature and under the proper seal of the Grand Lodge. I know of no manner of communicating the resolution to the brotherhood except through the instrumentality of the respected committee to whose many courtesies and attentions we are indebted for our pleasant sojourn and the accompanying hospitalites.

Very truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

HALL OF FORT DEARBORN LODGE, No. 214,
Chicago, April 30th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Secretary I. O. O. F.
Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held April 23d, 1872, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge be tendered to R. W. Grand Secretary RIDGELY for the copy of the resolutions passed by Grand Lodge of United States, complimentary to members (and others) of Chicago, for attentions paid to the members of that Grand Body during its session in this city.

Resolved, That the trustees be instructed to procure a suitable frame, and that the same be placed in the waiting room of this Lodge.

By order of the Lodge.

THOMAS SUTTON, *Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 1st, 1872.

To the Republic Life Insurance Company, Chicago.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor herewith to transmit an official copy of a proceeding of the R. W. Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., expressive of its high sense of your courtesies extended during its session in Chicago, September, 1871.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

REPUBLIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
Chicago, Ill., April 17th, 1872.

JAS. L. RIDGELY,
Grand Secretary of I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR: On behalf of this company I desire to thank you for the copy of the resolutions of your Grand Body and the graceful mention of our company therein made.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN F. COLLINS, *Sec'y.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 1st, 1872.

To the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Chicago:

GENTLEMEN: During the month of September, 1871, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., held its annual session in your beautiful city, then the admiration and pride of our whole country.

On that occasion its members were the subjects of marked courtesies and hospitalities on the part of the citizens and many of the public institutions.

Among other instances of the kind attentions extended, was an invitation from your Chamber to visit your sessions, which was cordially accepted and enjoyed. In memory of special courtesies, which are ever grateful to the stranger, I am commanded to transmit to your body the accompanying attested copy of a proceeding having reference to the occasion designated.

I have great pleasure in adding the expression of my sincere gratitude for many personal kindnesses received from the merchants of Chicago.

Yours respectfully, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

BOARD OF TRADE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO,
Chicago, April 18th, 1872.

E. B. SHERMAN, Esq.,
Chicago.

DEAR SIR: I am instructed to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 11th inst., enclosing letter from Hon. J. L. RIDGELY, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., with copy of resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and have to return our thanks for the very kind acknowledgments of the Lodge for the slight courtesy we were able to extend the body at its session in this city last autumn.

I am, very truly yours,
CHARLES RANDOLPH, *Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

To COL. WOOD, Baltimore, April 1, 1872.
Proprietor of Wood's Museum, Chicago.

DEAR SIR: Herewith I have the honor to present you with an attested copy of a proceeding of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O.

O. F., passed unanimously at its session in Chicago, September, 1871, which, by command of that distinguished Grand Body is transmitted as an expression of respect for your kind courtesies extended to the members during their sojourn in Chicago. Yours respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 1, 1872.

Messrs. R. M. HOOLEY AND FRANK E. AIKEN,
Of Hooley's Opera House.

GENTLEMEN: Accept herewith the accompanying evidence of appreciation on the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for your kind courtesies extended to the members of that distinguished Grand Body upon the occasion of their sojourn in Chicago, in September, 1871.

This proceeding was the unanimous act of the body, and it is with great pleasure that I communicate it to each of you.

Very respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 1, 1872.

To the Board of Police Commissioners of Chicago.

GENTLEMEN: The accompanying document evidences the high sense of appreciation entertained by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F, for the attentions and courtesies extended to the members of that Grand Body, by your Board, on the occasion of the annual session of September, 1871, in the city of Chicago, which I have the greater pleasure in being the instrument of communicating to you, from the recollection of having been personally the recipient of much kind attention at your hands.

Yours, very respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 1st, 1872.

Capt. GEO. MILLER, Alderman BASSE *and the*
Messrs MYERS *of the "Chicago Belle."*

GENTLEMEN: It is my official duty to transmit to you the accompanying proceeding of the Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., adopted by unanimous vote at its annual session of 1871, in Chicago. I have very great pleasure in performing this office, in memory of the many delightful hours passed on that occasion in your then beautiful city.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 1st, 1872.

H. M. SHERWOOD, Esq.

DEAR SIR: Accompanying this you will receive an attested copy of a proceeding adopted unanimously by the Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., at Chicago, September, 1871, in respectful recognition of your kind attentions extended to that distinguished Grand Body on that occasion. I have great pleasure in transmitting the same to you.

Yours, respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

To Superintendent PICKARD, Baltimore, April 1st, 1872.
of the Public Schools of Chicago.

DEAR SIR: For your very kind invitation extended to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to visit the Public Schools of your city on the occasion of the session of that Grand Body in Chicago, September, 1871, I am commanded, as the Grand Secretary, to present to you the accompanying proceeding of that body, which duty I perform with great pleasure.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

J. K. THOMPSON, Esq., Baltimore, April 1st, 1872.
Superintendent Board of Public Works, Chicago.

DEAR SIR: I transmit to you, accompanying this, an attested copy of the proceeding of the Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., adopted at its session at Chicago, in 1871, which testifies the sense of appreciation entertained by that Grand Body for many courtesies rendered to the members during their sojourn, on that occasion, in Chicago.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JOHN H. WHITE, Baltimore, July 17, 1872.
Past Grand Representative.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its last session, upon the motion of Representative LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, passed with great unanimity the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the discriminating and intelligent labor which has made the Digest of the legislation and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United

States so thorough and valuable a compendium, merits our hearty approval, and the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Brother JOHN H. WHITE, Grand Representative, for the efficient manner in which he has performed the onorous duty of preparing the Digest and superintending the printing."

Although the Grand Secretary is not specially charged to carry this resolution into effect, I cannot be mistaken in the fact, from the earnest language in which it is written, that such, nevertheless, was the intention and desire of its distinguished author; accordingly, I transmit to you by express this day, a copy of the same, officially attested by the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, under seal, handsomely engrossed upon a blank diploma sheet.

True it is that the Grand Lodge, according to its uniform characteristic high sense of appreciation of valuable service in its behalf, has properly acquitted itself of its business obligation in the premises; but this testimonial, my brother, is an offering of the heart in recognition of a sentiment of admiration for duty well performed, which money can never represent; it is the voluntary earnest of an approval which finds its source in sincere conviction.

Allow me to add the expression of my individual gratification that I am on so interesting an occasion the medium of intercommunication. Without designing to disparage any of your predecessors in this field, I must be permitted to say that your Digest is an invaluable acquisition to the Order, and that the complimentary resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in appreciation of its merits, is a just tribute to your eminent success in that most peculiar and difficult sphere of professional labor. In all my official intercourse with you through the tedious and often vexatious delays incident to your task, I have been forcibly struck with your devotion to the service, and with your watchful regard to our interests. With sincere esteem, I beg to be,

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

LAW OFFICE JOHN H. WHITE,
Albion, Orleans County, N. Y., July 24th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Corresponding Secretary.

MY DEAR BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of 17th inst., with the accompanying engrossed resolution, was duly received. It is extremely gratifying to me that the work I was selected by you to perform, under the authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, meets with the approval of that Grand Body, and this, not only on my own account, but on yours also, as it relieves you from any liability to censure by reason of the manner in which you exercised the delicate responsibility cast upon you.

Please convey to the Grand Lodge my thanks for their beautiful souvenir, and for yourself, accept my most grateful acknowledgments for the flattering terms in which you have conveyed the same; and also, for the uniform courtesy, kindness, brotherly love and forbearance extended to me in all our intercourse, official and otherwise.

Your friend and brother,

JOHN H. WHITE.

GERMANIC CORRESPONDENCE.

ELBERFELD, November 30th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, R. W. G. L. U. S., Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: To-day I send to your address a post office order for twenty-five Prussian thalers, equal to seventeen dollars and thirty-eight cents gold coin. Please reduce the amount to currency and inform me of the net proceeds. I have transmitted to you this money with the intent to commence paying off gradually what I owe to the Grand Lodge of United States for my not returning in due season to my jurisdiction in Oregon as Grand Representative, which I was prevented from by the illness of my beloved wife. For her sake I sacrificed all I earned by years of exertions of mind and body, but, notwithstanding, I am glad and happy that through all this I finally succeeded to see the health of Mrs. Ostheim so far restored as to justify the best hopes for the future. The skill of eminent physicians and the genial effect of the springs both combined to exercise a most beneficial influence. Dreary as my days proved to be during my stay in Germany, there appears to come now a better and more favorable tide to my spirits. To complete the cure my wife is admonished to remain in Germany, and I of course shall stay with her. Whether and when a lucky star may lead me again to America's free soil, I am not at liberty to determine. I hope you will not find fault when I do not remit just now to the Grand Lodge of the United States the whole amount, which covers the sum for the return travelling expenses from Baltimore to Portland, Oregon. The many unavoidable and great expenses reduced my funds in a manner that only by small remittances I shall be able to balance my account.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the amount by using the address beneath. Adieu, dear brother, may the light of heaven continue to shine around you.

Yours, in the fraternal bonds of F., L. and T.,

F. S. OSTHEIM.

Address, F. S. OSTHEIM, Elberfeld, Prussia.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, January 31st, 1872.

F. S. OSTHEIM, *Past Grand Representative.*

MY DEAR BROTHER: I have already acknowledged the receipt of your two favors of November and December, 1871, in so far as the business purpose of each required; but being very much out of health at the time, I deferred until a more convenient season, and a more propitious state of mind, my reply to your kind personal words and good wishes in my behalf. Be assured, my dear brother, that although well advanced in life, I have not yet conquered the common weakness of man—I have not become insensible to compliments and expressions of appreciation, especially when they fall from lips which not only represent a sincere heart, but likewise intelligence and capacity to form opinions. Your generous prayer, therefore, that the "light of heaven may ever continue to shine around me," I will cordially accept as an earnest of your affection, and as a mark of your estimate of individual character. For this interest, so gracefully expressed in my individual welfare, please have my grateful acknowledgments.

The course which your sense of honor and duty has prompted in the matter of your mileage as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, is characteristic of that high tone of excellence which distinguished your career as a Grand Representative, and which secured for you the general esteem. I am free to say to you, that from the first moment of your introduction to me at Baltimore, I was favorably impressed with your character as a gentleman and a scholar, and the longer our intercourse continued the more profound was that conviction. I shall long remember our many literary colloquies and researches, and the many valuable and suggestive intellectual hints you were kind enough to give me from your abundant storehouse. These memories, full of pleasure as they are, will continue fresh and green to my latest days, and I shall call them up often to while away the sad, inevitable scenes and thoughts that will occasionally force their presence in the battle of life. Yours, very cordially,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

ELBERFELD, PRUSSIA, March 7th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. G. S G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F., Baltimore.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Trusting you will excuse my delaying to reply sooner to your kind lines of January 31st, I have transmitted to day again to your address a post office order for twenty (20) dollars gold, which please cause to be placed to the credit of the respective mileage accounts, and be kind enough to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

As far as your suggestions are concerned in regard to the interests of our Order in Germany, I follow them wherever occasion offers itself for it, and whenever I can do it, without any appearance of *intruding* in even a good cause.

When lately in Stuttgart and Berlin, I gave to the fraternity there proper advice, exemplified the unwritten work, and expatiated upon the spirit and merits of our sacred mission. You at once observe, my beloved and illustrious brother, "that your appeal has not been in vain," and I shall continue to work silently, without any pretensions to fame or notoriety. * * * We are, as Dryden says, made of porcelain, we are frail beings, and, thank God, I feel too superior to neglect to relax my devotion for our Order. I must conclude.

In the fraternal bonds of F. L. and T., the most humble of your admirers,

F. S. OSTHEIM.

Please continue to direct your letters as usual, to Elberfeld, Prussia.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, March 27, 1872.

F. S. OSTHEIM, Esq., *Past Grand Representative.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge with great pleasure your very interesting favor of the 7th instant, and am truly gratified of your continued good health, and of your unabated devotion and zeal in behalf of our beloved Order.

The remittance of post office order to my address, for $20, gold, to the credit of your representative mileage account, has been received and applied

as directed. I am happy to hear that you have not withheld your valuable aid and service in our good cause whenever these could be advantageously employed. In a little while I sincerely hope that Odd-Fellowship will have attained sufficient growth and intelligence in the Fatherland to justify its organization as an Independent Grand Jurisdiction; when thus freed from external control and management it will, under the inspiration of its own active and devoted membership, advance rapidly throughout the country. There can be no doubt of the fact, I think, that among every people a national pride exists, which will not only be much gratified, but also greatly intensified, by a consciousness of independence and freedom from extraneous restraints.

Hoping sincerely that you and I may live to witness the fruits which we anticipate from a policy such as I have above indicated,

I remain, as ever, very truly your friend and brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR SWITZERLAND,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Zurich, January 5th, 1872.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Cor. Sec., Baltimore, Md., U. S. of A.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of my commission as D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland, which you did kindly send me with two blanks for annual reports.

I haste sending you herewith our first semi-annual report, praying that it may, as the *first* one, experience the kind indulgence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. Without saying much for the present, I am happy to state that the growth of the beloved Order in this place and country is becoming more and more prosperous, and even more so when we shall have our General and By-Laws printed, which will be the means of attracting members. The principles of our Order are so beautiful, so grand, and therefore so powerful, that they become deeply impressed upon all of our members. The condition of our Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, (the work of our dear beloved Brother MORSE,) is a splendid one in proportion to the short time of its existence and to our means. The very good spirit which is amongst us all is encouraging us more and more, and I dare to say that you will find, by comparing this with our next report, that we have increased.

Concluding this, I might kindly ask you to be good enough to send me some forms of withdrawal and visiting cards, and for every and any kind information and instruction, etc., to the good of our Lodge you will give me, I will be greatly obliged to you. Some days ago I wrote to dear Brother MORSE and Brother FARNSWORTH, thanking the latter for his portrait he did send us from Berlin, sent by dear Brother WOLLHEIM, two circulars and cards, with emblems.

Praying you to give my respect and kindest regards to dear Brother FRED. D. STUART, G. S., and best compliments and greetings of the season to all dear brethren around you from me and all brethren here, I hope you will excuse my haste and bad penmanship. Remaining, my dear sir and brother, with my best greetings of the season and with my highest consideration,

Ever yours, in Friendshlp, Love and Truth,

CHAS. HEINRICH.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

CHARLES HEINRICH, Baltimore, January 31st, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for the Republic of Switzerland.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very welcome letter of 5th January, 1872, is this moment received. My promptitude in reply, and in the transmission without delay of all the supplies you require, will assure you of the exceeding gratification which I have derived from its perusal. I acknowledge also, with pleasure, the receipt of the first semi-annual report of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, which is unexceptionable in form, and in substance of detail full of interest to every true Odd-Fellow. The pleasure which your letter has given me is much enhanced by the noble spirit of appreciation of Odd-Fellowship which it develops on your part, and which, as an important public officer and teacher, you will necessarily diffuse throughout your jurisdiction. The principles of our Order, you well remark, are "so beautiful, so grand, and therefore so powerful, that they profoundly impress the mind." Hence, my brother, I may say that your prediction of the future of Odd-Fellowship in Switzerland is not less certain than just, for it needs only intelligence and freedom of thought and its expression to assure the triumph of high moral excellence and the true spirit of fraternity among men. These elements have an abiding presence in Switzerland, and under their auspices we confidently accept your prophetic faith. We harmonize here in sentiment with you as to the value of the service of Brother MORSE to our good cause, and rejoice that the people among whom he so faithfully labored, and for whom he dedicated so much of his valuable time, do cherish for him the highest esteem and reverence. We have testified our love and gratitude for his eminent worth and exalted character by unmistakable evidences which our records will transmit to the remotest posterity in the Order.

It is to be regretted that Brother MORSE did not return to this field of labor, as the fruits of his short service, already realized, furnish abundant earnest of the great harvest which his work for another year would have yielded: but the Supreme Power in our Order decided otherwise, not, however, from any want of sincere sympathy with the cause, or of confidence in and veneration for Brother MORSE, but as I believe, from a doubt of its constitutional power to apply means assessed and collected for its support to other objects. I am not, however, without hope, that Brother MORSE will be returned to Europe, as our Missionary, if it will suit his private interests to make the visit. This will, however, have to be done, if at all, by the voluntary contributions of the Lodges and Encampments, as in the former instance. At present, such an appeal cannot be made in view of the large demands which the disastrous fire at Chicago has made upon the treasuries of the subordinates throughout the entire world. It is a source, nevertheless, of profound congratulation, that the introduction of Odd-Fellowship to Europe was committed to such able and faithful hands as Brother MORSE. I trust that the instructions and thorough education which the D. D. Grand Sires received from him will render them fit and proper oracles of Odd-Fellowship, and enable them, in turn, to train up children alike worthy of the distinguished preceptor and of the noble cause. I have received the "Heart and Hand," No. 2, Berlin, November 3d, 1871, containing your report, which has been translated to me, and for which you are entitled to very great credit.

In return for your expressions of respect and kind regards to the Grand Sire, he begs to make his sincere acknowledgments, and to add his best wishes for your health and prosperity, and for the prosperity of our beloved Order.

Believe me to be, very truly, your brother, in F. L. T.,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, March 4th, 1872.

CHARLES HEINRICH, *D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Herewith I transmit letter of our Brother, JOHN F. MORSE, Past Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe, which he has done me the honor to permit me to read before its transmission to you.

I beg to say that I sympathize most profoundly with our Brother MORSE in his solicitude for the welfare of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, and rejoice at its firm and devoted spirit and earnest purpose to persevere in the good work. Brother MORSE has so entirely replied to your suggestions as to the financial wants of the Lodge, that it would be superfluous for me to add anything on that subject. I beg, however, to remark, in that connection, that, during the recess of the Grand Lodge of United States, which, as you are aware, assembles only once a year, there is no power resident in any depositary in relation to the finances, and that, therefore, until September next, the matter of a loan from the Grand Lodge of the United States could not be entertained. But, independently of that, it is due to frankness to state, that there exists no power, it is generally conceded, under the constitution of that Grand Body, to employ its revenues for other objects than its own support. All the funds heretofore sent from this country to Germanic Europe have been voluntarily contributed by the subordinates. I trust Helvetia Lodge will be able to extricate itself from pecuniary embarrassment and to rely upon its own proper resources. If that should appear to be impracticable, I do not think that, as a *dernier resort*, an appeal to the Lodges in the United States will be in vain. We are all so profoundly solicitous for the prosperity of the Order in Europe, that extraordinary efforts would doubtless be made to sustain it. If, however, you can tide over the present trial, I am satisfied that you will soon become self-sustaining under all circumstances. I recommend self-reliance, with an invincible determination to succeed. There is great tenacity of life in our organization itself, and I am well assured that there is no deficiency of nerve and persistence in the Swiss character, when the invocation to work comes from a just and good cause. The information which we receive from most of the Lodges in Germanic Europe is highly encouraging, and I sincerely hope that similar intelligence will soon follow from your jurisdiction.

With my earnest sympathies with and warmest prayers for the prosperity of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1,

I beg to be, very truly, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 10, 1872.

CHAS. HEINRICH,
D. D. Grand Sire for Republic of Switzerland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have this day, through Brother HUGO WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, transmitted to you the formal vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to the Republic of Switzerland, for the liberality of the government in permitting the free establishment of American Odd-Fellowship within its domain. You will please to present the same to the proper authorities with such

address or accompanying communication as you may deem judicious and proper, and transmit with your official report all the connecting incidents.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE D. D. GRAND SIRE REPUBLIC OF SWITZERLAND,
St. Gallen, May 6th, 1872.

To the High Council of the Swiss Confederation, Berne.

ESTEEMED SIRS: By order of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. O. F., I have the honor to respectfully submit to you a vote of thanks, in grateful acknowledgment of your sanction to the introduction of the Order of Odd-Fellows in this sister republic for the benefit of humanity.

On this occasion, in the name of the Grand Lodge, I venture to petition that your Honorable Body may continue the expressions of your amicable sentiments toward the Order, and to entertain the hope, that through the organization of this Order in Switzerland, the bonds of friendly relations between the two republics may be strengthened.

I have the honor to be, esteemed sirs,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES HEINRICH, *D. D. G. S.*

OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR SWITZERLAND,
St. Gallen, May 6th, 1872.

Hon. HORACE RUBLEE,
United States Minister at Berne.

DEAR SIR: Herewith I have the honor of forwarding to you, by order of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of the United States of America, the letter of acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge, tendered to you for your generous aid and kind assistance in securing the privilege of establishing "American Odd-Fellowship" in the Republic of Switzerland.

With sentiments of profound respect,

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

CHAS. HEINRICH, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR SWITZERLAND,
St. Gallen, May 6th, 1872.

Hon. S. H. M. BYERS,
United States Consul at Zurich.

DEAR SIR: I take pleasure in being directed, by order of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States of America, of forwarding to you herewith the enclosed papers, being the thanks of the Grand Lodge intended for you, for your kind assistance and services rendered to Special Deputy JOHN F. MORSE in establishing "American Odd-Fellowship" in the Republic of Switzerland.

I am, dear sir, yours very truly,

CHAS. HEINRICH, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

U. S. CONSULATE, Zurich, May 8, 1872.

C. HEINRICH, Esq.,
Deputy Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., St. Gall.

DEAR SIR: Your note transmitting a resolution of thanks of the Grand Lodge, met at Chicago, is received. I will always be glad if I can assist in

any way the dissemination of the principles of your noble Order. My kind regards to Mr. MORSE whenever you may write him, etc. etc.

(Signed,) S. H. M. BYERS, *U. S. Consul.*

OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR SWITZERLAND,
St. Gall., May 16th, 1872.

Hon. HORACE RUBLEE,
United States Minister at Berne.

DEAR SIR: I presume you will have received my note, etc., of the 6th instant. May I venture to trespass on your kindness, by soliciting herewith the favor of your advice in the following matter.

From the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. I have also received a document—a formal vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., to the Republic of Switzerland, for the liberality in permitting the free establishment of American Odd-Fellowship within its domain—intended for the *Government of Switzerland*, with the instruction to present the same to the proper authority, with an accompanying communication. On the 6th instant I addressed such letter, in German, to the "Bundesrath of the Schweizerische Erdgenassenschaft in Berne," from the office of D. D. Grand Sire of the I. O. O. F., transmitting the document, and yesterday I received a dispatch from the Federal Chancery informing me, by order of the "Bundesrath," that the Government is not at all acquainted with the establishment of Odd-Fellowship in the Republic of Switzerland, and returning the vote of thanks in a courteous manner. Having no idea which other authority (except the "Bundesrath") can be meant by "Government of the Republic of Switzerland," and as you have been good enough to take some part in this matter, you will, perhaps, be so kind as to advise me in the premises.

I trust the importance of the subject will be my best excuse for troubling you with it. A kind reply to this request, at your earliest convenience, will confer a lasting obligation on the Grand Lodge and on me.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully,
Your obliged and faithful servant,
CHARLES HEINRICH, *D. D. G. S.*

BERNE, May 10, 1872.

With your valued favor of the 6th instant, you submit, by order of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States to the Swiss Federal Council, a resolution of thanks based on the supposition that the introduction of that Order into Switzerland had been sanctioned by this body.

We have the honor to reply that the Swiss Federal Council has no knowledge of this matter. It being presumed that an erroneous impression exists in this regard, this office has been instructed to return the resolutions with this statement of the facts.

In obeying these instructions, we avail ourselves of the oppotunity of conveying to you, sir, assurance of our high regard.

Swiss Chancellor's Office.
By order the Federal Chancellor,
SCHUS.

To C. HEINRICH, Esq., U. S. Consular Agent, St. Gall.

UNITED STATES LEGATION,
Berne, May 17th, 1872.

Mr. HEINRICH,
United States Consular Agent, St. Gallen.

DEAR SIR: Mr. RUBLEE being on a leave of absence, I have received your notes of the 6th and of the 16th inst. in regard to I. O. O. F.

I shall not fail to submit your letters to Mr. RUBLEE after his return in the first days of June, and I have no doubt that he will give you all the explanations asked for in yours of the 16th inst.

I am, sir, very respectfully, yours,

RUDOLPH ASCHMANN, *Sec'y.*

RUDOLPH ASCHMANN, Esq., ST. GALLEN, May 21st, 1872.
Secretary of the United States Minister at Berne.

DEAR SIR: Please accept thanks for your kind lines of information of the 17th inst., and believe me to be, dear sir,

Yours most truly, CHAS. HEINRICH.

UNITED STATES LEGATION,
Berne, June 3d, 1872.

Mr. CHAS. HEINRICH,
D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland of the I. O. O. F.

SIR: Upon my return I find your notes of the 6th and 16th ult. In the latter you ask to what authority you shall address a letter from the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., enclosing a vote of thanks for the liberality shown in permitting the free establishment of Odd-Fellowship in Switzerland. *The resolution, if so expressed, seems founded upon a misapprehension.* The facts are as follows: Mr. MORSE, in 1870, I think, addressed a note to me asking me to obtain, if possible, permission from the government to introduce Odd-Fellowship into Switzerland. I called on the President and informed him of the request, and stated what, as I understood, the nature of the Order was. He replied that no permission from the Federal Government was necessary; that, under the Constitution, he thought *such an Order could be established without permission.* He suggested, however, that before its introduction into a canton, it might be well to inform the cantonial authorities and have their assent. I then saw the President of the canton of Berne, and left documents with him forwarded to me by Mr. MORSE. He decided that there was no objection to the introduction of the Order. These facts I communicated to Mr. MORSE, and *with that my action in the matter ceased. The Order, therefore, was introduced into Switzerland,* NOT *by the permission of any authority, but under the liberal Constitution of the country. If thanks are due to any source, it is to the Swiss people, who framed so free and liberal a system of government.*

I am, sir, very truly, yours, HORACE RUBLEE.

OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR SWITZERLAND,
St. Gallen, June 7th, 1872.

Hon. HORACE RUBLEE,
United States Minister at Berne.

SIR: I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed note of the 3d instant, informing me of the facts relative to the establishment of Odd-Fellowship in Switzerland.

Thanking you most sincerely in the name of the Grand Lodge for your kind communication, I am, sir, with sentiments of profound respect,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES HEINRICH,
District Deputy Grand Sire.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

CHARLES HEINRICH, Baltimore, August 12th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., for the Republic of Switzerland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I hasten to acknowledge the receipt this day of your dispatch of July 8th, 1872, with accompanying documents, comprehending the "connecting incidents relative to the vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to the Republic of Switzerland and other parties." I also have received the report of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, at Zurich, Switzerland, for term ending June 30th, 1872. These important papers shall each have their proper disposition at the approaching annual session of the Grand Lodge of United States in September. Meanwhile, I beg to tender to you, on behalf of that distinguished Grand Body, sincere thanks for your prompt and thorough discharge of your official duty in the premises. I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally, JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

SAXONIA-LOGE NR. 1, VON SACHSEN,
J. L. RIDGELY, Esq., Dresden den 12 April, 1872.
Grand Secretary U. S. Grand Lodge,
Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It gives me great pleasure to transmit to you, in the name of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, a photographic group of its officers and the majority of members at the time of its foundation.

Let me tender it as a small token of the great esteem and the sincere friendship we all feel towards you as the connecting link between us and our dear brothers in America.

I also take the liberty of sending you copies for the United States Grand Lodge, F. D. STUART, Grand Sire, E. D. FARNSWORTH, Past Grand Sire, Dr. J. MORSE, Past D. D. Grand Sire for Germany, with the request that you will kindly deliver the first mentioned, with the compliments of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, and that you will have the others transmitted, with the respective letters, to their addresses. Permit me to take this opportunity to ask you for one or two copies of the last annual report of our Order, stating the charges connected therewith.

Tendering to you the sincerest regards of this Lodge, and myself personally, I remain, Yours, very truly, in F., L. and T.,

O. ARNOUX, *Noble Grand.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

O. ARNOUX, Baltimore, May 21st, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Jurisdiction of Saxony.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter, as Noble Grand of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, of the 12th ultimo, in which you advise me that you have transmitted to my address, in the name of the Lodge, "a photographic group of its officers and the majority of members at the time of the foundation." This beautiful specimen of the magic art, in which your countrymen appear preeminently to excel, you tender to me "as a small token of the great esteem

and the sincere friendship which you all feel towards me as the connecting link between your Lodge and your dear brothers in America." I accept the present, I assure you, my brother, with the highest sense of pleasure of which I am capable, and with emotions of heart which only those experience who are the recipients of sincere and disinterested honor. I shall cherish this wonderful production of genius, especially for the reminiscences which it enshrines, and as a souvenir of men and measures whose influence in the great battle of life is enlisted for the amelioration of human sorrow and for the brotherhood of man. It shall find companionship with the Wurttemberg group and the Berlin group, each of which now adorns the wall of my private parlor, as a congenial and kindred association, from which position the life-like presence of the originals will constantly discourse the law of love, the unity of man, and the reign of peace on earth. I congratulate Saxonia Lodge as a member of our great confederation, that now, as an integral part of our consolidated army, she is arrayed against "vice in all its forms," under the broad banner of Friendship, Love and Truth, and that she is prepared to endure this warfare irrespective of country, nationality, race or creed, to the end that Virtue may be upheld, Fraternity cherished, Humanity adorned, and universal Tolerance vindicated among the children of men. In this panoply we bid her go forth upon her noble mission, conquering and to conquer, until tears shall be wiped away from the eye of sorrow, and bruised hearts may leap for joy under the blessed influence which Odd-Fellowship shall diffuse throughout her borders.

With my profound acknowledgments, tendered through you to the officers and members of Saxonia Lodge, for so high a compliment to one so comparatively a stranger, and so wholly wanting in merit, and with my sincere personal respects for yourself, I beg to be,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

P. S.—It will afford me great pleasure to cause the several copies enclosed to my care to be transmitted to their respective destinations without delay, which are acknowledged as follows: Grand Lodge of United States one copy; F. D. STUART, Grand Sire, one copy; E. D. FARNSWORTH, Past Grand Sire, one copy; Dr. JOHN F. MORSE, P. D. D. Grand Sire, one copy.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

O. ARNOUX, Baltimore, May 21, 1872.

N. G. Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, *I. O. O. F., and*
D. D. Grand Sire for Kingdom of Saxony.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Allow me on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to acknowledge the receipt of a photographic group of the officers and a majority of the members of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, at its foundation, which you, in the name of the Lodge, present to that distinguished Grand Body. I shall have great pleasure in conveying your graceful words of compliment to the Supreme Head of our beloved Order, by which I am assured, this token of your veneration and esteem will be duly appreciated. You may reasonably expect such formal recognition of this beautiful offering as shall become the Parent Body, which has so just a cause to be proud of her noble Germanic offspring. With sentiments of fraternal regard, I have the honor to be,

Your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

O. ARNOUX, Baltimore, April 10th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., for Kingdom of Saxony.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have this day forwarded to Brother HUGO WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, a parcel containing several documents, being the "vote of thanks" of the Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., to the several governments of Saxony, Wurttemberg, Prussia and Switzerland, in acknowledgment of their special liberality in the matter of establishing American Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe. Brother WOLLHEIM will transmit to you the document for the government of Saxony, which you will present formally and officially, and report your doings in this regard in detail to this office.

Yours fraternally, JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

To O. H. IRISH, Baltimore, April 10th, 1872.
American Consul, Dresden.

DEAR SIR: I herewith transmit, by direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., the accompanying "vote of thanks" to you, unanimously adopted in appreciation of your co-operation with our friends in securing the valuable and much cherished privilege of establishing American Odd-Fellowship in the Germanic States.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

SAXONIA-LOGE NR. 1, VON SACHSEN,
Dresden, den 16 May, 1872.

J. L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary United States Grand Lodge, Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed letter, dated April 10th, 1872, was received in due time, as was also the vote of thanks to the United States Consul at Dresden, Col. O. H. IRISH, and the documents containing vote of thanks, etc., appointed to be delivered to the government of Saxony. In accordance with your wishes, I take pleasure in informing you that the former was transmitted by me to Col. IRISH, who at present is in America on a leave of absence, and that I yesterday delivered the letter personally to His Excellency Count NOSTEZ WALLWITZ, the Minister of the Interior, with a few remarks adapted to the occasion. I met with a very cordial reception, and upon inquiry into the tendencies of our Order gave such an explanation as circumstances permitted. Count NOSTEZ WALLWITZ expressed himself very favorably in regard to the aim which we have before us; thought that Saxony offered an extended field for the beneficial work of our Order, and hoped that our labors would be crowned with success.

I remain, yours fraternally, O. ARNOUX, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, June 4th, 1872.

O. ARNOUX,
D. D. Grand Sire for the Kingdom of Saxony.

MY DEAR BROTHER: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 16th ultimo, in which I have the gratifying intelligence of the safe arrival of the "vote of thanks" which I had the honor to commit to your official delivery. Allow me, in behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge United States, to tender to you sincere thanks for your prompt personal attention to the duty assigned to you; to congratulate you upon the highly favorable impression which your words of instruction so happily elicited from his Excellency the Premier of the Government, and for the very cordial reception accorded to you. Let us cherish this distinction with a just and becoming sense of appreciation, and let us see to it that all proper effort on our part be used to vindicate the intrinsic worth of American Odd-Fellowship and its perfect adaptability to so kindred and fertile a field.

With sentiments of pride and pleasure,

I remain, in F., L. T., your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

STUTTGART, January 10th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed you will find the annual report of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. Before I commence my letter I must beg you to excuse my orthography, for it is most ten years since I left the United States, and as I am a mechanic, and no professional man, you will not judge too hard of my writing.

Last July Brother SCHUTTLE sent a report to Brother JOHN F. MORSE, but as I do not know whether it was received, I send this one, commencing January 1st, 1871, and ending with our last meeting, inclusive, December 28th. Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, was instituted on the 1st of December, 1870, with twelve charter members, and we initiated during that month five members, therefore you find the number seventeen on the head of the report.

I must tell you with great pleasure that the past year was a very prosperous one for our Lodge; the work was done throughout with perfection; the attendance is very good, and we have first-class men as members. It was my wish to have a second Lodge started, but no one will take his card for that purpose; they all like old No. 1 too well to leave her.

Our financial affairs are good; that is, we have no debts, and have a few hundred florins in our treasury; we would be better off, but since we started we had to move three times, and every time we had a good deal of expense; but, thank God, we have now a hall as nice and comfortable as we could wish it.

We had a public dedication on the 2d of December last, and connected with it we observed the birthday of our beloved Order in Europe. We sent invitations to Berlin, Dresden and Zurich; from Berlin and Zurich came a deputation; the other Lodges sent us telegrams full of brotherly feelings. I send you with to-day's mail a copy of Herz and Hand, with the full details of the festival.

I acknowledge the receipt of my commission as District Deputy Grand Sire, and I send my best thanks to the W. Grand Sire for the honor and confidence reposed in me.

Brother H. WOLLHEIM sent me the A. T. P. W. and the password for the Degree of Rebekah, together with certain decisions of the Grand Lodge, also diagrams of the Lodge emblems.

Hoping that this year will be for our Order as prosperous as the last one, I remain, respectfully, Yours, in F., L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM,
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

M. BERNHEIM, Baltimore, February 2, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg, Germany.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am this day in receipt of your favor of 10th of January, 1872, enclosing semi-annual report of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at Stuttgart. You cannot imagine how gratifying it is to me to receive so flattering a return from so young a Lodge, and comparatively far away from those paternal influences so essential to guide the path of the offspring. The correctness of the report and the facts and figures which it presents afford the most gratifying evidence of the ability and fidelity of the superintending officer, and of the general zeal and earnestness of the membership. You have good cause to be proud of your success, and in my experience I have never known a Lodge to combine more elements of strength, or to develop in so short a time a more cheering assurance of future value and usefulness. Your financial condition is highly auspicious, which as you well know is perhaps the surest guarantee of energy as well as success in the administration of a Lodge. The report to which you refer as sent to Brother MORSE last July, was duly received by him and presented to the Grand Lodge. Hereafter your reports will be made out annually, and I trust that you will continue to prosper, as our good cause well deserves the encouragement and support of all good men.

I am glad to hear that you have received the emblems and that your commission as D. D. Grand Sire reached you safely. I perceive no reason why our correspondence should not be more frequent, as our facilities are great, and the interest which is felt on both sides in the welfare of the Order and its general progress is reciprocal. On my part I shall have great pleasure in promptly responding to all your communications. I congratulate you upon the succes of your public dedication on the 2d of December last, and upon the presence of the brethren from Berlin, Dresden and Zurich. These occasions serve to strengthen the bonds which unite us together, and are most agreeable and pleasant episodes in the journey of life. I have not yet received the "Heart and Hand," which contains the detail of the festival, and shall look for its advent with interest. The Grand Sire sends to you his acknowledgment for your faithful and earnest administration of office, and unites with me in the expression of a sincere desire for your health and happiness individually, and for the continued prosperity of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1. Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

STUTTGART, February 27th, 1872.

Mr. JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding Secretary of G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F., Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I received your kind letter of the 2d of this month, and I am most happy to see that you are contented with the report and return of the Lodge which I have the honor to represent. I will do all

in my power that old Wurttemberg, No. 1, shall be, in every respect, the first Lodge on the continent. I am proud of my success, and I see every day that in number and quality we are ahead of the Lodges in Berlin, so at least we hear from the brothers from there, as they come and visit us from time to time from the great metropolis of the world.

On the 25th I had the pleasure to confer the Degree of Rebekah on thirteen ladies and twenty members of our Lodge, and every one present was delighted with it—so Wurttemberg, No. 1, was, in this degree, the pioneer in Germany. I am sure we made, through our sisters, a good acquisition to help us in our beloved Order here. In a few days, we expect from the city of *Ulm*, seven gentlemen—they come through the invitation of some of our members—they intend to open a Lodge there. We will give them the initiation, also the five degrees, gratuitously. As soon as they have the degrees, and are instructed, they will take cards and apply for a dispensation to open a Lodge at Ulm, which I will grant. You see, my dear sir and brother, that in a short time we will have a No. 2 in my jurisdiction, and I give you my word it will not be my fault if No. 2 does not follow the steps of the mother Lodge.

The cities in my jurisdiction are not large, and it takes longer to plant our Order; but I know if I give a dispensation for a new Lodge it will not be an experiment, it will be *a fait accomplis*.

I doubt not that, in about six months, we will have a third Lodge in our neighboring city, Esslingen. Next week we will have a gentleman from there for initiation in our Lodge. He is a very popular man, and he likes our institution. You see by this that we are progressing slowly but surely. Before I close my letter, please let me know if the Worthy Grand Lodge did not grant us a charter, as we have only a dispensation from Brother MORSE, and if you would be kind enough to send me one or two blank dispensations.

With my best wishes for your health and happiness, I remain,

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

M. BERNHEIM, Baltimore, March 29th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 27th ult. is this day received. The noble spirit in behalf of our great "Humanity" which it breathes, and the earnest interest which it displays for its general diffusion, gives me the greatest pleasure. The principles of our Order are so thoroughly in sympathy with the wants and demands of the whole race, and are so liberal, rational and comprehensive, that men, who may be estranged upon the subject of religion and politics as widely as the poles, may unite, through them, in offices of benevolence and fraternity upon a common platform. I am not at all surprised, while I am delighted, that so intelligent, highly educated and refined a people as your countrymen, have taken hold of our overtures with such evident earnestness and zeal. But whilst I thus claim for our principles the just and powerful weight which they challenge, in view of their intrinsic excellence, I am not without a true and proper appreciation of the value of the instrumentalities to which their dissemination is confided in the Fatherland, and of the vast amount of influence, for good, which is dependant upon unity, fidelity and energy of administration in that regard. Hence to the D. D. Grand Sires do we look, and have we looked, not in vain, for the vindication of this important truth as inseparably identified with the success and prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe. I congratulate you, and all your colleagues who constitute our corps of D. D.

Grand Sires in Germany, upon your progress, and bid you to continue unabated in your devotion to this great and good cause. Your narrative of the pleasure which you experienced on the occasion of conferring the degree of Rebekah is truly gratifying, and it is very obvious that the benefits arising from the associations thus awakened must tend greatly to advance the popularity of the Order. I also give you joy upon the early prospect of No. 2 at Stuttgart, especially as I have your assurance that it will "follow the steps of the mother Lodge." The third Lodge to which you refer, at Esslinger, should, by all means, be encouraged to accelerate your independent organization. I have to-day an interesting letter from our mutual friend, Dr. MORSE, who desires to be kindly remembered to you. He is well and anxious for the prosperity of his German offspring. I render you my sincere acknowledgments for your photograph. In closing this letter, allow me to earnestly recommend that you preserve and cultivate, as D. D. Grand Sires, close relations with each other by frequent correspondence and all other means of intercourse; keep up conferences and interchanges of opinion as to the general welfare, recognizing always that we are members of one family, all breathing the same moral life, and animated by one great heart which seeks to reach out toward all men in love and gentle offices.

In this way shall we best act out our duty and best subserve our cause. With my sincere and heartfelt pride at the prosperous condition of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, and my earnest wishes for the continuance of its good fortune, and my especial acknowledgments of respect and regard to you personally, I beg to be, always, Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., ULM, April 15th, 1872.
Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is my pleasant duty to transmit to you the joyful intelligence that I, with the kind assistance of thirty-two brothers of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, instituted yesterday, April 14th, the second Lodge at the city of Ulm, Kingdom of Wurttemberg, in my jurisdiction.

As Ulm is situated on the shores of the Danube, we named the new Lodge "Donan Lodge, No. 2." They have seven charter members. I installed, after the institution, the following officers: Noble Grand, FRIED. SCHULTES, merchant; Vice Grand, CARL TRICK, county surveyor; Recording Secretary, T. MADER; Treasurer, CARL SCHROPPEL. We owe great thanks to our indefatigable brother, Past Grand OTTO SCHUTTLE, and Brother PAUL ABELE, both of whom done a great deal in Ulm, by their friends to win the new brothers for our noble cause. Donan, No. 2, has already a fine hall and a nice set of regalia; the charter members put money in their treasury themselves, and take no interest for the cash laid out. Borussia Lodge, No. 2, at Berlin, sent me ten thalers for our new sister; Past Grand SCHUTTLE gave them an elegant set of gavels; Wurttemberg, No. 1, initiated the seven charter members, and gave them the degrees free of charge; we also made them a present of a scene; and I gave them a photographic group of our charter members, and a large and splendid photograph album for 200 pictures. So you see, dear brother, we do all in our power that our beloved Order shall grow and prosper. I must declare I never saw better material for a new Lodge than the members in Ulm. In my haste I nearly had forgotten to mention to you that with the help of our members we initiated candidates yesterday—the regular day of meeting is Friday—and they have already more candidates for next week.

Excuse my haste, but I thought it my duty to write before you hear the joyful news from another source.

I remain, yours, respectfully, in F., L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM,
Deputy District Grand Sire.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

M. BERNHEIM, Baltimore, May 1st, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very welcome favor of 15th ultimo is received. I give you heartfelt thanks for your considerate and kind attention in communicating to us, on this side, "the joyful intelligence," that you, with the assistance of thirty-two brothers of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, did, on April 14th, institute Lodge No. 2, which you so appropriately named Donan, in view of its location at that city, situated on the shores of the Danube.

Joyful as this occasion was to you and your associate brethren, you may now be assured that it has also awakened a sympathetic cord of pleasure in our hearts, which it would be in vain for us to attempt to express in words. And, my dear brother, among the most interesting and striking features which the circumstance, and its surroundings, disclose, let me say, in all candor, that I recognize the spirit of earnestness and sincere gratification which your successful administration of your office, as D. D. Grand Sire, represents, as the one more imposing than all others. I make this remark as no mere compliment, nor in that idea, however meritorious in that aspect your service; it is the suggestion of a thorough conviction, that a cause, such as the noble one which you so zealously espouse, must possess intrinsic worth and excellence, to have enlisted so effective and able a corps of advocates, and under such favored auspices, and that it must, therefore, at no distant day, be diffused throughout the Fatherland. It supplies also, my brother, yet another moral, and that is, unequivocal evidence that the seed has fallen upon a congenial fallow, and will fructify with the greater vigor, by reason of the happy adaptation of the German heart to sympathise with it. Fortunate indeed was our beloved Brother MORSE, in closing his splendid official career in your country, to have selected such worthy and intelligent gentlemen, as his successors, in the several jurisdictions to which they were respectively assigned, for, in fact, every thing depended upon the wisdom and fitness of his decision in this regard. Had he been less happy in his selections, and the choice had fallen upon apathetic men, who were likewise wanting in intelligent and well directed zeal, Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe, instead of advancing, would, in all human probability, have retrograded. Thanks, therefore, profound thanks, will we ever owe to this distinguished brother, for his prophetic intuition and sagacity, as well as to you, faithful and energetic and devoted D. D. Grand Sires, upon whose shoulders his mantle has so worthily descended.

You well know the truth of these remarks, as applied generally to all undertakings of men; every thing depends upon the instrumentality through which the public favor is sought and the public mind is designed to be educated. It is needless for me to dwell upon so obvious and universal an experience, further than to commend to your appreciation the valuable lesson which it teaches. It is gratifying also to notice the harmony and co-operative fellowship which prevails among the brethren. The donation made by Borussia Lodge, No. 2, at Berlin, and the fraternal sympathy of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, together with the moral aid and support of Brothers SCHUTTLE and ABELE, including your devotion to your official duties, superadd to the interest of the occasion and combine to assure to the new Lodge a propitious career. I felicitate you upon the energy of your administration, and trust that you may be long spared to continue your usefulness to our good cause.

With my sincere personal regards,
I remain, truly, yours,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

M. BERNHEIM, Baltimore, April 10, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have this day transmitted, in a parcel, a document, being the formal "vote of thanks" of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., to the government of Wurttemberg, as an acknowledgment of its high appreciation of the privilege accorded of introducing our beloved Order in the Kingdom. This parcel goes to Brother HUGO WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire, who will kindly send the same to you, and when received you will officially present it to the proper authorities of the government, accompanied with such suitable letter or address, as you may deem most fitting.

Please report in detail the correspondence and attending incidents.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

STUTTGART, May 18th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary G. L. U. S., Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very welcome letter of the 1st of May is received, and I express my heartfelt thanks for the kind feeling with which you honored me in your letter. You may be assured that what I can do for our beloved Order I will always do with the greatest pleasure, and I hope, if God gives me health and strength, to bring the Order in my jurisdiction to perfection in every respect. It is unhappily not in my power to express my thoughts in as good English as I could wish. Take, dear brother, my good will for the deed.

In regard to the resolutions of thanks from the Grand Lodge of United States which you were kind enough to send to me, and directed me to present officially to the proper authorities of the government, I have the honor of making a full report.

You know that the liberal laws of my native land do not require any special permission to establish an Order so philanthropic as ours, and for that cause I did no more than inquire if it was necessary to obtain a special permission, which was answered me by eminent lawyers in the negative. I therefore did not know if I should go with the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to His Majesty, the King, but after inquiry I found out that the Royal Court knew already of our good institution, a copy of our by-laws having found its way a year ago, through Brother SETZER, to Baron VON EGLOFFSTEIN, Chief of the Secret Cabinet of the King of Wurttemberg. I sent my name to the above dignitary and asked for an audience, which was willingly granted. I went on the 15th instant in the Secret Cabinet of the King and presented in due form the resolutions you sent me; His Excellency received me with great kindness, and asked me many questions about our Order, in fact he showed a great interest in our welfare. He promised to spread the document, together with our by-laws and several numbers of our organ, "Herz and Hand," before His Majesty, and on yesterday, the 16th instant, I received the following letter from Baron VON EGLOFFSTEIN:

"STUTTGART, May 16th, 1872.

"MORITZ BERNHEIM, Esq.

"ESTEEMED SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have submitted to His Majesty, the King, both the documents in which the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Order of Odd-Fellows are ten-

dered to the government of Wurttemberg for the encouragement and favor bestowed upon the occasion of the institution of a Lodge of this Order in Wurttemberg, and the constitution of the aforementioned Lodge. His Majesty, the King, has graciously noticed the document, and has been pleased to learn from the constitution of said Lodge the noble aims and ends which the Order of Odd-Fellows is engaged to attain.

"While I follow the instruction of His Majesty in thanking you for the transmission of these papers, I avail myself of the opportunity to assure you of my great esteem.

"FREIHERR VON EGLOFFSTEIN,
"*Chief of the Cabinet.*"

"STUTTGART, May 16th, 1872.

"ESTEEMED SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have not failed to lay the copy of the documents, embracing a resolution of thanks of the Grand Lodge of United States to the government of Wurttemberg for its expression of confidence in permitting the organization of a Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in this country, and the constitution, &c., of the Grand Lodge of the United States, before His Majesty, the King of Wurttemberg. His Majesty has deigned to receive the same, and has satisfied himself, from the submitted constitution, of the noble aims and labors which are evolved by this institution.

"In thanking you in the name of His Majesty for the above enclosure, I seize the opportunity of assuring you of my highly elevated sentiments.

"VON EGLOFFSTEIN, *Chief of Cabinet.*"

I hold the original letter at my office, as I may have some use for it, and I send you a copy in the original language; I hope you will have some brother at hand who will be kind enough to translate it for you.

No. 3 in my jurisdiction will be instituted before this letter reaches you, as I hope: the details I will not fail to report to you. Adieu my dear brother and be assured that the R. W. Grand Lodge will have in me a good guardian for her interest. With my personal regard,

I remain, truly yours,

M. BERNHEIM, *Dep. Dist. Grand Sire.*

Please give my best compliments to our beloved Grand Sire, STUART.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

M. BERNHEIM, Baltimore, June 8, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire, Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am this moment in receipt of your agreeable favor of the 18th ultimo, for which please have my thanks. The promptitude with which you entered upon the special service confided to you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the thorough manner in which you discharged it, justly assures to you the sincere acknowledgments of that distinguished body, which I am satisfied it will not fail to testify at the earliest opportune moment.

You have what is of equal gratification to you, if not greater, the consciousness of having rendered a very efficient office to that institution in whose cause you are earnestly enlisted, and for the welfare and prosperity of which you have dedicated your best ability. This compensation will ever be refreshing in your memory all along the pathway of life, the presence of which will remunerate often, when your sky may be overcast by the cares and perplexities of the world. The good we do will ever bear

rich fruit in our after life, often rising before us to beckon us within its blessed influence. Although the liberality of the laws of Wurttemberg, as you observe, welcomed all properly organized and conducted benevolent institutions within the Kingdom, and secured to them ample protection, yet our rulers, from abundant caution, have felt it to be their duty to consult as well the laws, as the pleasure of the authorities of every country into which it has been proposed to introduce our Order. Thus do we testify our deference to the just rights of every people and our sincere adherence to the fundamental principles which we espouse.

I shall have great pleasure in having the very complimentary communication received from the Prime Minister of your government, in reply to the formal presentation of the "vote of thanks" made by you in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, translated and reported to the next annual session. I shall also cause abstracts of the entire correspondence connected with this interesting service to be made out for the Press so soon as reports are received from the several jurisdictions, which I am now advised may be expected by the next steamer. I have recently interchanged views with Brother WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, touching the proposed formation of Grand Jurisdictions in Germanic Europe, to whom I beg to refer you, with the view to a conference with him and other D. D. Grand Sires and leading brethren on that subject.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of our beloved Order wherever its banner has been unfurled in the noble Fatherland, especially for the welfare of your own jurisdiction, and with my sincere personal regards, I remain, Your brother, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, Esq., STUTTGART, May 27th, 1872.
Corresponding Secretary R. W. G. L. U. S.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I hope you are in possession of my last of May 18th, in which I acknowledge the receipt of yours from May 1st, 1872, in which I mentioned the details of the presentation of the resolutions you sent me through Brother WOLLHEIM.

Saturday last I had the gratification of instituting No. 3 in my jurisdiction, on which occasion my beloved Brother P. G. R. F. S. OSTHEIM, formerly of Oregon, kindly assisted me.

The new sister took the name of our illustrious countryman, SCHILLER, who was living here and went to school at Stuttgart. My friend and Brother, OTTO SCHŒTTLE, is the principal mover of this new enterprise. Schiller Lodge, No. 3, has seven charter members, and I installed the following officers: N. G., OTTO SCHŒTTLE; V. G., A. ROTH; R. S., F. KRAMER; P. S., J. M. BUHMILLER; T., J. WEIL.

The names of the other two brothers, who have no office, are: J. FISTMANN and F. SCHWAB.

They selected Tuesday as their regular day of meeting, and Wurttemberg, No. 1, will do all in its power to help our new sister with word and deeds. I must here repeat what I mentioned in my former letter to you, that without the help and the indefatigable zeal of Brother P. G. SCHŒTTLE, this new Lodge could not have been instituted for a long time to come. Thank God, the foundation is laid, and of excellent material. Brother OSTHEIM will go probably with me to visit Donan Lodge, No. 2, at Ulm, to exemplify the secret work.

Dear brother, I asked you in a former letter if the R. W. Grand Lodge did not, in her last session, grant us our charter. Please let me know what action they took in that respect.

My best wishes to you, dear brother, and to our M. W. Grand Sire,

I remain, yours truly, M. BERNHEIM,
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

M. BERNHEIM, Baltimore, June 11th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 27th ultimo has this day reached me. It presents the gratifying intelligence that, assisted by Brother F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Representative of the jurisdiction of Oregon, you instituted on Saturday, May 26th, in your city, Stuttgart, Schiller Lodge, No. 3. This Lodge has been very appropriately named in deference to one of your illustrious countrymen, whose fame belongs to the world. For this acquisition you recognize our indebtedness to Brother SCHŒTTLE, whose influence and activity achieved the fortunate result. I shall take care that your report in this regard shall me made public, that all may have an opportunity of knowing how much we owe to this indefatigable brother. I am happy to hear that you have the advantage of the presence and co-operation of Brother OSTHEIM. He is in every way eminently qualified to render you important assistance, having made himself thoroughly proficient not only in our ritual but also in our system of jurisprudence and practice. You are in this particular quite fortunate, and Odd-Fellowship in your country may be said, with this presence, to have an opportunity of advancement and progress which it does not usually enjoy in foreign lands. Be kind enough to present to him my fraternal regards and best wishes for the health and happiness of himself and family.

Touching the inquiry you make relative to the *charter* of your Lodge, I reply, that according to our laws the warrant which authorizes the institution of a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, when confirmed by the Grand Lodge of United States, becomes the *charter*, and no further document to evidence the fact is issued.

Upon the grant of Grand Charters, sometimes at the instance of the Grand Body instituted, a special form of the charter is engrossed, to be hung up as an ornament in the Lodge room; but it is not often done in cases of Subordinate Bodies. In your case, I submit, that when a Grand Lodge charter is granted, that it will necessarily be of such a special character as to require a form suited to the exigency. On that occasion it will be proper that the paper issued should be engrossed in handsome and enduring style. I am now engaged in the preparation of my annual report, which will exhibit our beloved Order as everywhere prosperous and advancing actively in its great work. With sentiments of sincere respect,

Your brother, in F., L. and T.,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

P. S.—I have received reports from all the D. D. Grand Sires in regard to the "vote of thanks."

STUTTGART, June 30th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am in possession of both of your letters from June the 8th and the 14th. The new offspring reported in my last, (Schiller Lodge, No. 3,) is growing, and has excellent members. Wurttemberg, No. 1, gave them, till they have money enough in their treasury, everything free of charge; we charge them no rent for the hall, nothing for light or fuel, and give them the use of our regalia, etc.

Just now we have plenty of visiting brothers from the United States, and they are all very happy to find a Lodge full of warm-hearted brethren here to welcome them. Thursday next, on the 4th of July, I will install the newly elected officers of No. 1; I will gladly leave the social gathering

of my American friends and attend the duties of the Lodge. No doubt the attendance in the Lodge would, on any other day, be greater, but I think, first the Lodge, and the pleasure of 4th of July secondly. On the 5th of July, my duty calls me to Ulm to install the officers of Donau Lodge, No. 2. The names of the officers I will send you in my next letter; so you see, dear brother, I will have little chance to celebrate the 96th national holiday of the United States. Enclosed you will find a programme of the celebration.

I must beg you, as I have done before, to excuse my English. With Brother H. WOLLHEIM I am in constant correspondence about a conference to be held shortly of the Past Grands, concerning the formation of a Grand Lodge for Germany. Please give my best regard to our esteemed Grand Sire. I will write him soon.

My best thanks for the information about the charter.

I remain, yours truly, in F., L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM,
D. D. Grand Sire for Wurttemberg.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

M. BERNHEIM, Baltimore, July 18, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 30th ultimo is received. I am now happy to learn that the new Lodge, Schiller, No. 3, is growing and is composed of excellent material. It is quite gratifying also to know that many visitors from America call upon your Lodges and thus keep up the interest which serves to strengthen their devotion to Odd-Fellowship, and to promote a corresponding influence on the part of the brethren in the Fatherland. Please accept my thanks for the enclosed printed programme of the 96th annual celebration of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. It is very obvious that a strong sympathy between our people prevails notwithstanding the difference in nationality, in all the broad humanities and general duties and obligations of men towards each other, since the German element of Wurttemberg cordially co-operated with their American kindred and friends in commemorating the anniversary of the great Republic. No compliment to our country could be more gratifying to our people or challenge a higher sense of appreciation on their part. As our Order increases in the Fatherland, such fruits will continue to multiply, and thus the cord of sympathy already existing will be essentially strengthened and lengthened. All is prosperous with us.

In the earnest hope that our Order will continue its good work with you, and be instrumental in the promotion of benevolence and charity, I have the honor to be, Yours very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

H. WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, October 6th, 1871.
P. G. and Sp. D. G. Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very interesting favor of the 2d ult. reached me in due course of mail, and would have received much earlier attention but for the fact that its advent found me in the midst of the most onerous and all-absorbing labors preparatory to the annual communication

of the Grand Lodge of the United States. That session has been now held, and after rest from the fatigue incident to its labors, and my resumption of official duty, I take occasion to make a beginning by addressing you this, in reply to yours of the 2d ult. My first offering to your official administration is to congratulate you sincerely upon its success, and to add the assurance that, on all hands, and from every source where your letter has been read, the most sincere encomiums and compliments have been elicited. There is no better test of an official's ability than his reports: these documents, it is true, may be highly wrought and colored by the very genius which is generally looked to, as the source of capacity; nevertheless, truth will be more or less evolved from the general context. You have been fortunate enough to inspire the brotherhood here with a confidence for which Brother MORSE had previously prepared them. We have been equally fortunate in the fact that the mantle of your distinguished predecessor has fallen upon one so worthy to wear it. Your responsibility, now that you are in charge of our frail bark, as pilot in the distant and untried seas, is very great, and we commit the precious freight with which she is charged confidently to your keeping. The progress which you report, and the harmonious career of the several Lodges under your jurisdiction, have diffused general pleasure among the Grand Representatives, and awakened expectations as to the future, which I have no doubt you will abundantly verify. We are fully aware of the fact that your office as Deputy Grand Sire will be no light tax upon your valuable time, yet we venture the hope, that in view of your advantage of position, from the solid foundation already established, and your personal acquaintance with both the English and German languages, you will soon be able to raise up to your assistance auxiliaries who, deriving as well knowledge from your lips as the spirit of emulation and zeal from your example, may be trusted as missionaries throughout the German Empire. I have had, through the kindness of our mutual friend and Brother, JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire, the pleasure of perusing yours to him of the 24th ult., which gives the further progress of our Order, since your dispatch to me, and which, in a good degree, fulfils the expectation already referred to, touching the future of Odd-Fellowship under your auspice. I am truly glad that you have opened a correspondence in that direction; you could not have chosen a better channel of communication with us than through that illustrious brother. There is no wiser head among us here, and none more sagacious, better experienced, disinterested and pure in devotion to a cause which he has sustained with energy for an entire life time. His words of advice and counsel you may receive and cherish with a faith which needs not faulter. Brother MORSE has fully posted him as to your character, besides which, he has formed his own estimate of it, from his personal and individual observation, which seldom fails him. Thus you perceive there is established a mutual confidence, and with this inestimable aid, superadded to ability of purpose and freedom from selfishness, a co-operation of such mind and soul, in such a field as ours, can accomplish marvellous results.

Your telegram I had the honor to read to the Grand Lodge, which brought down the house, to use a theatrical term, but with far more of heart and earnest joy than such displays ordinarily represent. Every member felt that his heart shared in the sympathetic thrill which delighted and vitalized the admiration that prevailed. Our Brother KENNEDY promptly improvised the fraternal reply to our German offspring, which was instantaneously winged across, or rather, under the waves, to your address. I have great pleasure in informing you, that the recent session of the Grand Lodge of United States, in Chicago, Illinois, was, in the highest degree, a success; every jurisdiction in the country, without exception, was present, and each, I may truthfully say, under the most flattering circumstances. This fact you will have ascertained abundantly from my report, a copy of which I herewith transmit. The legislation of the body was conservative,

wise and salutary. In such a numerous body, representing communities so widely separated, and in some degree different in habits and general education, entire sympathy of thought could not be expected; hence differences of opinion, as to *details* of administration must exist, yet that essential unity presided which is the charm of fraternity and its predominant idea. In all my experience on occasions of these annual re-unions, which now runs through forty years, I have never witnessed so noble and pure a development of love and devotion to our cause and earnest interest for its future prosperity. You will perceive from the tables accompanying my report, that our gains have been large in numbers and resources, whilst our disbursements for relief have been correspondingly substantial. I will not detain you by reciting figures, in detail, as you will be well repaid for a diligent perusal of the entire Journal of the session. The daily minutes, which you will receive, you will bear in mind, are hastily printed between the hour of adjournment daily, and nine o'clock of the following morning, and are necessarily full of typographical and other errors; they are intended only for the Grand Representatives, to facilitate their labors, which are confined to a few days, not exceeding usually a week. This daily journal is revised thoroughly by the Grand Secretary, after the session, is reprinted and bound, and thus distributed to the brotherhood, and through it to the world.

The proceeding in which you will of course feel the greatest interest will be that relating to the German Mission. You must not be misled by what apparently the text would imply or suggest touching the general sentiment on that subject. I may say conscientiously, I think that there is no diversity of opinion as to the value and importance of the mission, nor is there any relaxation of desire for its further promotion. But men who agree in principle often disagree essentially in the applicability of the principle to subjects and in the forms of procedure by which their value is to be educed, or be made practical and effective. Hence in the Grand Lodge of the United States, whilst every body was in love with Brother MORSE for his splendid administration as special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland, for his intrinsic worth as a man, and for his preeminent personal adaptation to his mission and desired his continuance in the field, yet when they come to consider the time, the manner and the means of effectuating this very desirable object, then that perogative of mind, which seems to become fertilized and quickened by conflict and antagonism, claimed and exercised its functions of divergence from the common unity and divided unfortunately in detail of plan. It is needless and unimportant to analyse the grounds of this difference, although the result would show, first that it was an honest division of sentiment: and, secondly, that founded as it was upon principle, it was irreconcilable. In other words it was a difference as to the power as well as to the expediency of the Grand Lodge of the United States entering upon a precedent which it had never theretofore ventured, of applying moneys from its treasury for other purposes than the specific object for which they were raised. You of course understand that the Grand Lodge of the United States derives its entire support from a tax imposed upon the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, in the form of representative tax and the sales of supplies furnished, consisting of books, cards, charters, etc. Thus my brother, enlightened as to the legislation of the late session upon the subject of the German Mission, you will have no difficulty in appreciating the real status of this important question: although Dr. MORSE will not be sent back through funds to be supplied from the National Treasury, so to speak, he will in all probability be invited to go back to resume his labors by the general voice through means to be supplied from the Subordinate Jurisdictions. I have already taxed you with a very long letter and must close by the remark that such is our interest in your success, that you may confidently rely upon our earnest co-operation to the utmost of our ability,

having the highest ambition to diffuse our beloved Order throughout the world. The books of which you speak and other supplies named were sent out about the date of your last favor at the instance of Brother MORSE, and doubtless ere this, have been received by you. I am happy to say that Brother MORSE's health is much improved and that he entertains for you personally the highest regard. Write to me frequently and be assured at all times of a prompt reply. Wishing you health and prosperity and a year of active work to our Lodges under your charge, I beg to be sincerely and

Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Berlin, January 25th, 1872.
Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary
R. W. G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In acknowledging your very kind and flattering letter of October 6th, 1871, I must apologize for the delay in answering the same. I can assure you that it was occasioned only by press of business. The task of organizing Germany for an American Life Insurance Company, in which I am engaged, is a very laborious one and attended with a good many disappointments. Besides it involves frequent travelling and has occupied all my time and required my undivided attention during the day, while my evenings have been fully taken up by the attention which I had to bestow upon Lodge matters when in the city. I trust you will excuse me, therefore, for not writing sooner.

For your very kind and complimentary remarks, please accept my sincerest thanks, and believe me, that I am very sensible of praise of my feeble efforts in behalf of our cause, when it comes from one so high in rank and so universally esteemed in the Order. Whatever time and capacity I may possess will always cheerfully be devoted to the advancement of the interests of the fraternity; but I am afraid that you overrate my ability to worthily succeed such an eminent worker as Dr. MORSE. I felt a little overwhelmed by the confidence reposed in me by the Grand Lodge and the fraternity at large. You were pleased to address me officially as S. D. Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland, and to couple this with remarks expressing such unqualified confidence and such hopes for my success, that, though I had distinctly protested to Dr. MORSE against his proposing me as his successor, (because I knew beforehand that after getting under way in my business I should be prevented from giving to the administration of the Lodges under my charge that energetic attention which would naturally be expected from me in my high and responsible office,) I did, after a great deal of hesitation and mature deliberation in my own mind, not feel at liberty to abandon the ship confided to my charge, and conceived it to be my duty to make the attempt at least to verify the great expectations which according to your letter the brotherhood entertained of me. I went to work with the earnest determination to foster the good seed which Dr. MORSE had so plentifully sown, and while I superintended and directed the Lodges and the Encampment in this District of Prussia, and at the same time labored to gather material for new ones, I advised with and assisted the brothers under whose immediate charge Dr. MORSE had left the other districts. I took care also to raise scholars, to whom I might, if necessary, transmit the trust if I should be called upon or forced by circumstances to deliver it up, and whom I might use as fit missionaries to be entrusted with the spread of our insti-

tution to other parts of Germany. I regret that I was too hasty in assuming the title by which you addressed me in your letter; when, after waiting for a commission from the Grand Sire as S. D. Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland in vain for some time, I received a letter from Brother MORSE, dated at San Francisco, October 27, 1871, and referring to a previous long letter which he said he had directed to me from Chicago, (but which never reached me,) I thought that that last letter might have contained the commission in question, which might have been handed to him by the Grand Sire for enclosure, and so was misled into assuming in my official communications with the D. D. Grand Sires for Saxony, Wurttemberg and Switzerland, as well as in any communication of an official character with the presiding officers of Lodges here, or with the local authorities, the title of S. D. Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland. That I was too hasty in this is proved by the fact that in his letter transmitting P. W. for 1872, dated at Washington, December 10th, 1871, the Grand Sire addresses me as D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, and states that my commission as such has been forwarded to me by you. It was evident that either he or yourself had made a mistake, but very soon the commission in question arrived, and showed plainly that the mistake had been on your side. I did of course at once advise the other D. D. Grand Sires that they must hereafter report to you or the Grand Sire direct, and never used any other title thereafter except that conferred upon me by the commission. I can assure you, by the way, that during my short *unauthorized* assumption of the higher rank, I have done no act except such as would redound to the advantage and honor of the order.

Of the progress of the Order in this district you will, from time to time, be advised in a general way by "Herz and Hand," and the statistical status is laid down in the official reports of the Lodges and the Encampment, which I enclose. In regard to new Lodges, I make the following report: During the latter part of September I was advised by Brother BERLIN, (one of the charter members of Germania Lodge, No. 1, who had removed some time previously to Lychen, a flourishing little place of about three thousand inhabitants, on the frontier of Mecklenburg,) that he had some eight or ten good men in readiness, who were willing and anxious to start a Lodge there, and that the necessary outfit, for which Brother MORSE had left two hundred thalers, was completed, and requesting me to come and institute the Lodge on October 8th, if possible. I at once summoned to my aid the best talent of Germania and Borussia Lodges, who responded with an alacrity betokening a zeal worthy of praise, and, on the 8th of October, we started for Lychen, (twelve in number,) a journey of several hours by railroad and five hours by mail-coach, and attended with a loss of time of two days and an expense of about twelve thalers a head. On arriving at Lychen at about 6 o'clock, P. M., we were received by Brother BERLIN and Brother MULLER, (an Odd-Fellow, with card from Farragut Lodge, No. 265, of New York, who had removed to Lychen from here lately.) We were conducted to Brother BERLIN's house, in which the neatly fitted hall is situated, and where some eight or ten candidates were in waiting. On being told by Brother BERLIN that the "Burgomeister" of the place had sent for him the day before, and intimated that he would resist the establishment, under his eyes, of a Lodge, the legal right of which he disputed, under the famous statute of 1798, (which you recollect had been quoted on a former occasion,) I at once paid a visit to the worthy "Burgermeister," (whom, by the way, I found to be an excellent jurist and a perfect gentleman,) and had a lengthy conversation with him; in the course of which he had to acknowledge himself convinced that we had obtained the proper government permission here in Berlin, though I had nothing official to show him beyond a copy taken by me of the letter from Mr. BANCROFT to Dr. MORSE stating the official answer to his application on behalf of our Order to be, viz., "That there was no legal impediment to the establishment of the I. O. O. F. in Prussia, inasmuch as the

same was in exact accordance with the regulations transmitted by BARON v. GEROLT, but claimed that, without a public document in the official government gazette, or private instructions from head-quarters at Potsdam to him, it was his privilege not only, but his duty, as the head of the local authorities in Lychen, to contest our establishment. * * * * * * * * * It is supposed that, from no other quarter, would complaint be made, except from Masonic head-quarters, and that the opposition from that source will die away as soon as the proper information is imparted and the true character of our institution exposed to their view. I deem it very advisable—since the subject has now been actively agitated in their highest councils, and the proposition is seriously entertained of giving us the alternative to join their Order by Lodges, "in corpore," or to retire from the field—to bring some influence to bear from the Grand Lodge United States of the Masonic fraternity upon the Grand Lodges of the Order here, by which they might be induced to yield their opposition and regard us as a sister Order entitled to their respect and co-operation on our common field of benevolence. Brother Past Grand Sire KENNEDY will, no doubt, recollect that in my very first conversation with him last year, I anticipated this opposition, which he deprecated however; it is to be regretted that I had not the time, though I had the desire, to be initiated into the Masonic Order before leaving the United States, because, if I had, I could have entered their Lodges here and combatted their notions. I repeat though, that I think, that after what I have already done, indirectly, and what I propose yet to do, the opposition will die out.

To give you a correct idea of how we stand in regard to the local authorities and to the government, I will recite some incidents. Shortly after Germania Lodge had been in working order, the building in which our beautiful hall is situated changed owners, the new owner being a personal friend of a brother of mine and the proprietor of the "Hotel d'Angleterre," and also a Mason. When his partner, also a Mason, came to inspect the building they had bought, he noticed our hall, which he did not fail to recognize at once as a Lodge-room, and upon putting questions to the "portier" of the building, who is our Outside Guardian and janitor, he was referred by him to me for any information which he might desire.

A few days afterwards a gentleman by the name of PETERSON, and enjoying the title of "Geheimer Rath," and representing himself as the "archive keeper" of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the "three globes" here, as well as the agent here of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of New York, introduced himself to me at my quarters and stated that he had been deputed by the said Grand Lodge (three globes) to make inquiries regarding our Lodge and to report at the next regular meeting to his Grand Lodge. I treated him of course with all the courtesy at my command, and thoroughly convinced him that our Lodge was not an unlawful Masonic Lodge, but a regularly instituted and duly authorized Lodge of the I. O. O. F., an Order of the existence of which he confessed he had never heard before; and indeed this is perhaps not to be wondered at, when it is considered that even Mr. BANCROFT had in his first interview with Brother MORSE disclaimed all knowledge of the existence of such an Order. He expressed himself satisfied that we had done all we could to satisfy the authorities, but claimed that if Count BISMARCK or anybody else had given us permission to establish ourselves in Prussia, they had exceeded their authority and that they could not do otherwise than to test the matter. In this they seemed to rely mainly upon the King, who as he seemed to think, in his position as protector of their Order here, would not tolerate such an assumption of authority on the part of his ministry, and went so far as to intimate even, that should they not be protected by the King, they would provoke a judicial decision, in which the letter of the statute would undoubtedly be on their side. Now, while Brother MORSE had proceeded to establishing Germania Lodge, No. 1, on the strength of the official ministerial answer given him through

Mr. BANCROFT, it had been neglected until then to notify the local police authorities of our establishment and of our time and place of meeting. To repair this omission and determine that we should not be interrupted in consequence of any technical error, I drove to the prefect of police; being received by him very kindly, I stated to him the fact and the circumstances of our opening a Lodge, of which he had already learned through the Press, for, shortly before, I had taken care to have a notice go through all the leading city papers in their editorial, and begged to be informed what steps were required of us to satisfy the requirement of the police authorities, so that we might not be exposed to molestation through ignorance on the part of the district police. He called in the special referee, who had in charge all that is connected with societies, including the secret Order of Masons, and having been told by him that the latter were not required to furnish a list of members or by-laws, he told me that nothing was wanting on our part, but that he would be obliged if I could state to him in writing when and where our meetings were held. The next day I sent him a card, on which was written:

"Germania Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday night at 8½ o'clock, at No. 47 Linden street."

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The effect was good, for in a late conversation with the prefect of police, he told me confidentially, that as he had not been reprimanded for allowing us to hold meetings, it was pretty certain that the "Kaiser" and the government meant to tolerate us.

And now I return to Lychen. As I said before, the question which presented itself there was a very delicate one. After due deliberation I concluded that the establishment of a Lodge at so small a place as Lychen was not of sufficient importance to warrant the risk connected therewith; for I should have had to confer the five degrees upon a number of men who, though highly recommended by Brother BERLIN, were perfect strangers to me, and who might be molested and intimidated by the local authorities to such an extent that it was by no means certain whether the secrets to be entrusted to them would be in safe hands; at all events I concluded, therefore, not to risk the experminent before I had gained a better knowledge of the persons who proposed to form the new Lodge and before I had ascertained whether in the face of the attitude of the "Burgermeister" that they were determined to join the Order, so that they could be relied upon. I therefore returned to the hall, called the applicants together and explained the situation. I told them that though *I* felt quite satisfied, that *my* authority to proceed was undoubted and that their "Burgermeister" would soon be instructed to that effect from headquarters, still I felt it my duty to make them acquainted with the situation, and that I did not feel inclined to induce them to take upon themselves obligations the fulfilling of which might involve them in any difficulty. While some of the candidates expressed their desire to proceed, others intimated that it would be better indeed to procure the consent of the local authorities before going any further. This showed that the course I proposed to take was the right one, and changing the institution into a sociable supper, at which good humor prevailed, we enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and next morning I and my party left for Berlin in perfect good cheer, and determined that it should not be very long before Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, should be instituted anyhow. On my return I went to the Department of the Interior, and reporting the occurrence to the special referee, who takes the initiative in these matters, I received from him the assurance that the reply given to Mr. BANCROFT's application at the time was given only after the matter had been considered both in the Department of the Interior and in the Foreign Office, and that the legality or regularity of these decisions could only be upset by a judicial decision of the highest tribunal in the land, evoked by some test case which would be carried up to the highest court.

He assured me that it was not at all likely that such a contingency would arise, as the attorney-general only could bring such a suit, and he doubted whether he would entertain any complaint made against us, as long as our authority was derived from such high quarters. The "Burgermeister" of Lychen, he remarked, might, if he was very stubborn, indeed give us some momentary inconvenience, but it would not last long, and at any rate, he thought, even if the government should change its former attitude and uphold him, we would not make ourselves liable to punishment, as we had undoubtedly acted in good faith and upon sufficient authority. This was the gist of his argument, and finally he told me that the department could not be expected to interfere until the "Burgermeister" of Lychen or some body else had actually resisted us; the mere threat to do so, he thought, was not sufficient to move in the matter on his part. Having thus been reassured, I commenced at once to take up the Lychen matter, and began by investigating the characters of the men who were the applicants for the charter. When I found that they were all worthy and reliable, I informed Brother BERLIN, who was very impatient, that the difficulties had been cleared away, and that I should be ready to institute as soon as my business engagements here gave me a chance to do so. Finally, the day arrived on which I could leave here for a day or two, but to my regret, I could not get any one of the brethren here to accompany me, (it was so near Christmas season, when every one is very busy, that they could actually not spare the time,) and there was no prospect that I could get any body to go there before the latter part of January. I wrote to Brother BERLIN, therefore, and advised him, if he did not want to lose any of the candidates by disappointing them too long, to try to induce them, or some of them, at least, four besides him, to come here to be instituted. He took my advice, and succeeded in inducing five of the applicants to come here with him. On the 27th November they arrived, and the institution took place in the afternoon at our hall, in the presence of a number of the members of both Lodges here. Some of the new members started back for home immediately afterwards; the balance remained with Brother BERLIN, to be present at the regular meeting of Germania Lodge in the evening.

This is the way in which Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, was instituted, and by which I hope I have not committed any irregularity which might be censurable. The Lodge now counts some twelve or more members, and promises well.

I must break off this letter here in order to reach the mail, and in my next will continue my report. I will then also enclose the official reports of the Lodges and the Encampment, the applications for charters of Teutonia, No. 3, and Templar, No. 4, and by-laws of Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, and also the by-laws and seals of Teutonia and Templar Lodges, if ready.

Yours, fraternally, H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Berlin, February 2d, 1872.
Grand Recording and Corresponding Sec'y R. W. G. L. U. S.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Referring to my letter dated January 25th, and its continuation, dated January 27th, I now continue my report.

Some time last fall I conceived the idea that it would be a source of satisfaction to American brethren visiting this country to find a Lodge here working in their own language, and that such a Lodge would also be a good depository for the original works, and, at the same time, an excellent instruction for the German brothers here in the English language. In casting about for the material for such a Lodge, which, as a compliment to the

noble Lodge in San Francisco, which so generously voted twelve hundred dollars for the German Mission, I intended to name "Templar." I soon convinced myself that it was very limited, and that the task would, by no means, be an easy one. Moreover, I had made it a point to find at least *one* German Franciscan, who would be willing to join this new Lodge as charter member, and thereby to establish a precedent and practically prove that it could be done. Early in December I had succeeded in bringing together six applicants, and, on the 9th of December I instituted "Templar," No. 4, under very favorable auspices. I will only add, that three of the six are Masons of American affiliation, (two of them also Odd-Fellows, as you see from the petition,) two are Masons belonging to the jurisdiction of Hamburg, and the sixth one is Brother MANASSE, formerly of Germania Lodge, No. 1. The Lodge now counts some sixteen or seventeen members, and receives further additions from week to week, and it is my opinion that it may reach and sustain a membership of from fifty to sixty members. The officers are as follows: Noble Grand, S. SPIRO, (Past Grand); Vice Grand, G. H. MICHAELIS; Recording Secretary, G. HASSE; Treasurer, H. COHEN.

The officers of "Teutonia," No. 3, are as follows: Noble Grand, G. BERLIN; Vice Grand, GUSTAV ERBE; Secretary, ANDREAS FRIEDRICH MACRAKER; Treasurer, WILHELM GLEY.

This comprises all I have been able thus far to accomplish, and though it is very little, I hope my limited time will be accepted as an excuse. I hope to be able to report two new Lodges on or before April 1st, so that it is probable we may count six Lodges with seven Past Grands in Prussia on July 1st, and then a petition for charter of a Grand Lodge will probably be made and find favor.

My views in regard to this and in regard to the future wants and necessities of the Order here will be contained in my next, which will also bring you the official report of Germania Lodge, No. 1, which I must keep back to-day on account of an error that has crept into it. If the by-laws of "Templar" Lodge, No. 4, and the seal and by-laws of "Teutonia" Lodge, No. 3, are ready, I shall also send them with my next. Before closing this letter, which I am writing in great haste, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Grand Lodge report from you, and of the new classification of emblems with diagrams and decisions from Grand Sire STUART. Those copies intended for the other jurisdictions have been forwarded to the several D. D. Grand Sires, and I have their acknowledgment that they have safely received them, and that they will acknowledge receipt also to Grand Sire STUART directly. I have also communicated to them the new password sent over by the Grand Sire. I should have liked to written to the Grand Sire also, but I cannot get the time to do so for awhile and beg of you to excuse me with him, and to transmit to him my most fraternal regards, together with those of the whole brotherhood under my charge. I beg of you also to remember me to my old friend, Brother A. CROYEAN, of your city. I will give you in my next a list of supplies wanted here, and will now only request a set of Lodge and Encampment books (English) be sent to my address immediately, as Templar Lodge, No. 4, is now using a half set (very old) left me some time ago by Brother AUSTIN.

I will now close with the remark, that the dues are not added to Lodge reports, because Brother MORSE vouchsafed to the Lodges that they would not be required from them for the first year of their existence.

Believe me, dear sir and brother,

H. WOLLHEIM.

If you communicate with P. G. Sire KENNEDY and Brother MORSE, please to kindly remember me to them.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, February 23d, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire, Empire Prussia.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I avail myself of the presence here of Brother ELIAS PECK, Past Grand, of Montana Territory, and who is about to leave this country to take up his residence in Breslau, to drop you a single word. Brother PECK comes to me, as he will go to you, with the endorsement of our mutual friend, Dr. MORSE, whose good words in his behalf need no support from me to assure for him your cordial recognition and kind offices.

I acknowledge with great pleasure your long and very interesting favor of the 25th ultimo, and beg to make to you my sincere acknowledgments for your exceeding patience and unremitting earnestness in placing us in possession of all the details of your experiences and trials, in the discharge of your official duties. The great interest which you manifest in this labor of love, not less than the skill and diligence displayed in your administration, serve to convince me, that if I erred in the designation of your title, it was fitting that such should have been your office, since the responsibility and high importance of the position, suggested just such a man as you have proved to be. I dwell on that subject to explain: it has always been a predominant idea with me, that our Order should, so soon as thoroughly organized in foreign countries, be constituted into independent governments. To this end I regarded your succession as Special Deputy Grand Sire as proper and highly desirable; there are abundant reasons why such should have been, in my judgment, the direction of affairs at this juncture; it is only necessary to state the "all controlling" one, viz., the distance of the jurisdiction from here, and the inevitable necessity of the immediate presence of competent authority for every possible exigency. At the time of writing, such was my impression as to the designation and official status of the local supervision in Germany. I supposed that D. D. Grand Sires would be appointed for every separate jurisdiction, but I concluded that a Special Deputy Grand Sire would supervise these, and be the channel through which our intercourse would be carried on. It was not until I had written, that the views of the Grand Sire on the subject were fully disclosed. With this explanation, I beg to re-affirm my opinion, that the cause demanded such a disposition of its official management, and the ability of the officer to measure up to the demand was in full sympathy with it. When, in our experience, it is our good fortune, in the promotion of our objects, to come across officers of rare capacity and adaptation, it is a sure evidence of intuition and sagacity to avail of such aids promptly.

Your very wise and judicious course in the matter of Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, will command the general approbation and doubtless will aid very much in conciliating the good will of all those who are disposed to be hostile. I think that a formal effort should be made to disabuse the mind of our Masonic brethren in your country upon the subject of Odd-Fellowship. A conference should take place with some of the prominent members, and if necessary, the initiatory might be conferred upon such as were known to be discreet and high toned, and in whose character confidence might be reposed. We have studiously endeavored in the construction of our system to borrow nothing from Masonry; our ritual and our general idea is exclusively our own, and we differ essentially from it, except so far as each Order derives its moral from the same sources, uses the secret principle, and is progressive in its gradations. We are in no way hostile to Masonry; on the contrary, in the United States, it is our pleasure to cultivate the most friendly relations with that brotherhood. In fact, as a Mason my-

self, although a very unworthy and rusty one, I may say that the members of Masonic and of Odd-Fellows Lodges mingle together under their respective organizations with as much familiarity and fellowship on public occasions as if they were of one Order. I do not know that it would be practicable to obtain from any Masonic body, as such, in this country, an expression of opinion favorable to Odd-Fellowship, neither do I think it would be in any wise becoming or desirable in us to invite such an endorement, although I am very sure that thousands of individual members of that Order are Odd-Fellows also, and cherish the highest devotion for the latter. Odd-Fellowship is so strikingly dissimilar to Masonry in its practical character and adaptation as a minister of good among men, and is so essentially humanitarian and beneficial that it only needs to be understood to be divested of all design to poach upon Masonry.

I am happy to observe from all the communications received, that all the Lodges prosper in Germanic Europe, and that the desire to diffuse Odd-Fellowship throughout the Fatherland is earnest and general. We have already accomplished wonders, and I am satisfied that we need but discreet management to insure complete success. I am confident that this result will be greatly accelerated by the formation of Grand Jurisdictions in Europe, as fast as the constituency is prepared for such organizations.

I shall be pleased to hear frequently from you and to have the opportunity to furnish you every needful supply, and to keep you advised from time to time of the general welfare. Accept the assurance of my esteem.

Yours, cordially,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, February 26th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 2d instant was received several days ago, but I reserved my acknowledgment, awaiting your report of Germania Lodge and further accompanying communication. Not arriving ere this, I reply without further delay. It would be superfluous for me to express gratification at the continued very cheering intelligence which your highly welcome letter presents; for you must, I think, understand, that our American heart is fully interested in this grand cause, and that we are enlisted in it to the end. I acknowledge at once the receipt of the semi-annual report of Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, and also of the formal petitions for Lodges Nos. 3 and 4, which you have formed. These will all find their appropriate place in the files of this office. The idea which you have carried into effect, in the institution of the Anglo, or, perhaps, more appropriately speaking, the American-German Lodge, is, I think, a happy conception, and will be productive of much good. You have been equally felicitous in the selection of the name of "Templar."

I am rejoiced at your prospect of organizing a Grand Jurisdiction. After that consummation your progress will be more rapid and healthful. The "Herz and Hand," which we receive regularly, is always welcome, and is highly prized by our German brethren. The account of the celebration of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, was read with great pleasure on this side; especially gratifying was the interchange of telegrams between the several sister Lodges in the different Kingdoms. Touching the subject of Lodge dues to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I do not think it was ever any part of our expectation that per centage upon receipts should be paid

by subordinates in Foreign Jurisdictions, unless such jurisdictions were represented in the Grand Lodge of the United States. None was ever received or expected from Australasia, and in the case of the subordinates in the Sandwich Islands their relation was and still continues to be subordinate to California. On the subject of the translation of our Ritual into the German language, I very much regret that the general complaint is not without foundation. It has been the misfortune of the Grand Lodge of the United States to have fallen into improper hands in this respect. People of German birth and education, as well also as many Americans who are familiar with both languages, and can read and understand them readily, imagine that, therefore, they are competent to translate. There could be no greater mistake. It does not by any means follow that a German scholar can render German into English, or an English scholar render English into German with sufficient proficiency to produce an accurate translation. Translation is not the mere rendition of words from one tongue to another. It requires not only scholarly attainments, but likewise eminent genius and imagination. One must be able to enter into the spirit and creative power of the author to feel and appreciate the force of the idea to be developed, as well as possess the culture of mind adequate to an appropriate representation of the thoughts of the writer in appropriate terms. In this way only can the excellence and beauty of our Ritual be translated. This is no every day faculty; on the contrary, it is a rare talent, and but few men, comparatively speaking, possess it. Hence our German and French Ritual often, I am told, provokes the merriment of scholars. With a knowledge of these truths our Brother MORSE brought the subject to the attention of the Grand Lodge at the last session by a recommendation that the translation should be made in Germany. In this form it was at first passed upon, but some of our German members did not consider such a course complimentary to the American-German element; the resolution was accordingly reconsidered, and the subject was committed to the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, to be by them placed in proper hands. No appropriation, however, was made to meet the expense, and those officers have not felt themselves authorized to venture upon any responsibilities in the premises. The Grand Sire has, however, made satisfactory preliminary inquiries to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, which will, doubtless, lead to proper legislation at the next session. This is a very important subject, and I submit, that it perhaps, would be better left, so far as you are concerned, to be disposed of by yourselves, after your Grand Lodge shall have been formed.

Wishing you, individually, health and happiness, and continued good fortune to the Lodges in your charge,

I remain your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, April 10th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you documents, detailed per annexed schedule, being the formal acknowledgments of the M. W. Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., to the several parties by whose generous aid the privilege of establishing American Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe was secured. These papers you are fraternally requested in your official capacity to present, in such manner as you may deem to be most respectful and appropriate, to the proper parties.

VOTES OF THANKS.

1. To Prince BISMARCK, with accompanying letter.
2. To Baron GEROLT, with accompanying letter.
3. To Honorable GEORGE BANCROFT, American Minister at Berlin, with accompanying letter.
4. To the Government of Prussia. This document you will accompany with such official communication, to the proper authorities, as, in your judgment, may be appropriate.
5. To the Government of Wurttemberg. This document will be transmitted, with accompanying letter, to Brother M. BERNHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire for Kingdom of Wurttemberg.
6. To the Government of Saxony. This document will be transmitted, with accompanying letter, to Brother D. ARNOUX, D. D. Grand Sire for the Kingdom of Saxony.
7. To the Republic of Switzerland. This document will be transmitted to Brother C. HEINRICH, D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland, with accompanying letter.
8. Letters for HORACE RUBLEE, Esq., O. H. IRISH, American Consul at Dresden, and H. S. M. BYERS, Esq., of Zurich; to be conveyed to each by mail, or such other channel as you may elect.

You will take care to preserve all your official correspondence in this important connection, and to transmit the same, with your formal report, to this office, at as early a moment as may be practicable.

The M. W. Grand Sire is not insensible of the fact that the imposition of this office upon you will subject you to inconvenience and to the further occupation of your valuable time, which has already been so liberally taxed in the interest of Odd-Fellowship; yet he feels assured from the zeal you have ever evineed in our good cause, from the profound love which you have for it, and from your laudable ambition to promote its diffusion in the Fatherland, that you will cordially accept this special service and discharge it with the same ability and fidelity which has so eminently distinguished your entire administration in Prussia.

Your favors of 20th January and 20th February were duly received and referred to the M. W. Grand Sire, involving as their importance did, the consideration of the executive. He has replied in detail, which you have doubtless received. It is only therefore necessary for me to say on my part that I fully coneur in the sentiments which he has expressed, touching your proposed resignation of office. I cannot imagine any greater calamity that could befall our Order in Germany, than your withdrawal from official position at this time. Its effect would not only at once check the growth and prosperity of Odd-Fellowship within your own jurisdiction, but would constitute an adverse influence through all the contiguous Kingdoms. I am well aware that it requires much sacrifiee of private interest, and that it imposes heavy responsibilities, but my brother this will soon be coneluded by the organization of the Grand Lodge of Prussia, when you will have the pleasure of beholding a grand work which has chiefly been the fruit of your labor.

I trust the Grand Sire's letter may have the happy effect to insure a reconsideration of your purpose. Noticing the supplies required, they will be at once forwarded to you as far as we have them. Blank forms for charters we do not any longer use.

With sentiments of sincere regard,

I am very truly your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

His Excelleney PRINCE BISMARCK, Baltimore, April 3, 1872.
Premier Germanic Empire.

HONORED SIR: By the unanimous voiee of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its annual communieation of 1871, held at the eity of Chieago, State of Illinois, on the 18th day of September, 1871, it was

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the said Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Prinee BISMARCK, the illustrious Premier of the Germanic Empire, through whose just diseernment, intelligent and liberal offieial adviee the American Independent Order of Odd-Fellows has been, with the consent of his government, successfully established in Germanic Europe."

This testimonial, as Corresponding and Reeording Secretary of that distinguished body, the undersigned is eharged with transmitting to you. In the perfornanee of this agreeable office he experienees a degree of heartfelt pleasure which he has no adequate language to describe. You will discover in the sentiments which the resolution expresses, however few and simple the words employed, unmistakable evidenee of profound admiration for your noble prineiples as the illustrious guide of a great Empire, and unaffeeted reverenee for that pre-eminent spirit of magnanimity and generous judgment to which our beloved Order owes a eongenial home in Germanie Europe.

It has been well said, that "peaee hath her victories." The truth of this aphorism, in this instance, is being daily verified, in the faet that the tendeney of this measure must be to strengthen the friendship and sympathy whieh already so happily exists between the people of two great nations.

With the assurance of my profound respeet, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Your Excellency's most ob't servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 2, 1872.

His Excellency Baron GEROLT.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to you the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., unanimously voted in appreciation of your generous serviees in its behalf, in connection with the establishment of American Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe. Your sueeessful good offices in this regard have not only commended you to our grateful reeollection, but will bear fruits in the future whieh will greatly promote and strengthen the firm friendship already existing between the American and German peoples.

With much respect, I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Honorable GEORGE BANCROFT, Baltimore, April 2d, 1872.
Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary
to the Courts of Berlin and Prussia.

RESPECTED SIR: I am commanded, as Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Indepen-

dent Order of Odd-Fellows, to transmit to you the accompanying vote of thanks, unanimously passed by that distinguished body, in annual session, at Chicago, September 18th, 1871, as a testimonial of the high respect entertained for your character as an American citizen, and as an especial expression of gratitude for your official and successful efforts in its behalf, and at its instance, in causing the Government of his Majesty, the Emperor of Germany, to permit, with approbation, the introduction of American Odd-Fellowship within his realm. Your kind and courteous aid has not only served to commend you to the affectionate regard of thousands of your countrymen at home, but will, likewise, tend powerfully to enlarge and diffuse more widely the active sympathy which prevails between the two countries.

Allow me to subscribe myself, with profound respect,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Honorable CONRAD RUBLEE, Baltimore, April 3d, 1872.
American Minister, &c.

DEAR SIR: I have very great pleasure in being the honored instrument of transmitting to you, by order of the Grand Lodge of United States, I. O. O. F., the accompanying vote of thanks, unanimously tendered to you for your earnest assistance and kind co-operation with Special Deputy JOHN F. MORSE, in promoting the establishment of American Odd-Fellowship in the Republic of Switzerland.

With sentiments of high respect, I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Honorable H. S. MYERS, Baltimore, April 3d, 1872.
American Consul, &c.

DEAR SIR: I herewith transmit, by direction of R. W. Grand Lodge of United States, the accompanying vote of thanks to you, unanimously adopted by that Grand Body, in appreciation of your services in aiding to secure the privilege of establishing our Order in Germanic Nations.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S,

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, April 11th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Referring to my last, of the date of 19th April, accompanying the several "votes of thanks" committed to your charge for appropriate distribution, only for the purpose of expressing the hope, that the documents have safely reached their respective destinations, I now proceed to reply to your last favor of the ...., with the accompanying papers connected with your difficulties, growing out of the course of the Burgermeister at Lychen. That communication was submitted to the Grand Sire, who desires me to say, that your disposition of the subject has

been admirably discreet and business-like, and commands his unqualified approbation. I have caused the documentary papers to be translated, and will send them, with material abstracts from your letter explanatory of all the circumstances, to the "Heart and Hand" for publication. The information which they convey will be interesting and gratifying to the brethren generally, and especially will it be appreciated and valued by our German membership. It is very apparent to us, that this important controversy involved the life of our Order in Germany, since, if the Burgermeister of Lychen had been sustained, the effect would have been to arrest all other Lodges in Prussia. On the contrary, the order of the Secretary of the Interior, of March 18th, 1872, in reply to your very judicious and intelligent statement of facts, and respectful application, will at once remove every legal impediment to the existence of our several Lodges, strengthen their stability, and thus promote, as a consequence, their prosperity and usefulness. For this valuable service the Grand Lodge of the United States owes to you a lasting obligation, and it will be my especial pleasure to bring the subject prominently to its notice. Altogether, the course of the several Germanic States, into which we have had the privilege of introducing our Order, has been characterized by marked liberality and by a spirit of generous confidence and comity towards us as a people. While we rejoice in this fact, as an evidence of the acknowledged merit of the institution, which it indirectly recognizes, (since all our work was submitted to the most critical examination by the proper authorities, and the privilege was extended expressly after the exhibit made by us of its character and objects) we cannot fail to congratulate ourselves, that, as a preliminary step to any attempt to occupy German soil, we respectfully sought the permission of the Government at Berlin, and voluntarily proffered to disclose the entire theory of our Order. Under all these circumstances, fortified as we now are, through your successful diplomacy, by the order of the Secretary of the Interior, may we not reasonably expect to have, hereafter, an uninterrupted career of prosperity in the Fatherland. I confidently persuade myself that such will be the fruit of our and your wise and prudent course of procedure in the premises.

I rejoice to observe, from the general tenor of your letter, that your jurisdiction is zealously at work in extending its usefulness to different points within its limits, and that you are about to institute Lodge No. 6 in Prussia. This progress indicates your readiness for a Grand Lodge organization, which I trust may soon be brought about. I have so frequently expressed to you my sentiments in this direction, that I will not now trespass upon you by a recapitulation of them, observing only, in passing, that after an experience of many years, I have noticed that the general welfare of the Order, wherever it is established, is greatly promoted by a Grand Lodge organization, at as early a moment as may be practicable. The supplies ordered will go forward at once. With my sincere wish for the prosperity of our beloved Order in your midst, and for your individual health and happiness, I beg to be, ever yours, Very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Berlin, March 21st, 1872.
R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec'y G. L. U. S, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge with pleasure your two favors of 20th and 26th ultimo in reply to my letters of January 27th and February 2d, reserving a longer letter, for want of time, until your answer to my two last letters of February 20th and 27th is received, and write to-day in great haste merely to spread before you at the earliest possible moment the documents to which I alluded before, relating to proceedings pending at the

time in regard to the issue with the authorities at Lychen, (the seat of Teutonia Lodge, No. 3.) I believe I told you that the Burgermeister at Lychen had disputed our right to establish a Lodge there under the law relating to secret societies. I instituted the Lodge in Berlin, and instructed Brother BERLIN, Noble Grand of Tutonia Lodge, No. 3, to report the establishment of the Lodge to the Burgermeister on his return home and to notify him formally of the time and place of their regular meetings, thus taking direct issue. This done, Brother BERLIN received a notification from the Burgermeister that he must hand in immediately a copy of the by-laws of the Lodge and a list of its members. Consequently he informed me of this request and asked me how he was to act in the premises. I repaired to the Ministry of the Interior, and having elicited from the special referee of the department for "secret society affairs," that though our Order could not evoke a direct general official edict *legalizing* our Order, they might be induced to issue instructions to the authorities at Lychen not to interfere with us, which document I could use on all similar occasions, when resistance would be offered by local authorities anywhere in Prussia; I accepted the issue and directed to the Burgermeister at Lychen a remonstrance (No. 1.) That functionary having sent this remonstrance in original to his superior authority, the departmental government at Potsdam, he received the instructions contained in No. 3, which he sent to me in copy together with his own letter No. 2, and requesting me to show proof that our Order had received official sanction from the government of Prussia. I at once addressed the petition (No. 4) to the department of the Interior, and yesterday received the reply (No. 5) accompanied by the copy (No. 6) of the instructions issued to the authorities at Lychen. Having to-day come in possession of a letter from Brother BERLIN informing me that the authorities of Lychen had officially informed him of these instructions they received, I hasten to send you the whole correspondence, and congratulating you and the Order generally, that the existence of our Order here is now established on a firm and legal footing, and that we are safe against external attacks. I hope my action will meet with the approval of the Grand Sire, to whom my time does not permit me to address a separate letter to-day. I kindly request that you submit to him this letter and the documents, and to acknowledge on my behalf his kind letter to me dated February 13th, which I shall try to answer as soon as I get a little leisure. Be kind enough to tell him that the diagrams of emblems and also the key to password were safely received and transmitted to the respective jurisdictions, and they were requested to make their acknowledgments to him directly.

I regret that it is impossible for me to gain time to translate the documents, and must request, therefore, that he get some competent party to put them into English. I presume they are important and interesting enough to be kept on record.

Here I must close this letter, and with fraternal and repectful greetings to yourself, the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sire KENNEDY, I am, dear sir and brother, Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

H. WOLLHEIM.

The Grand Sire's and your own regards to the brothers here were delivered and are heartily returned.

I had almost forgotten to communicate to you the fact that on Saturday next I intend to institute No. 5 (name not decided yet) in this city, and *probably* No. 6 soon thereafter. I believe after July 1st a movement will be made for a Grand Lodge.

P. S. I am left without any charge or degree books, and getting short of cards. Please send a supply *immediately*, also a set of *English* charge and degree, *English* and *German* Encampment and *English* Degree of Rebekah books, also charters for a Degree Lodge and a Rebekah Degree Lodge, together with forms for establishing the same, if it differs from the form for instituting Subordinate Lodges.

I.

To the Police Department of Lychen.

The summons of the Royal Police Department, of the 5th instant, to Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, (an Odd-Fellows' Lodge, meeting regularly every Saturday night at their hall in the residence of Mr. GUST. BERLIN,) ordering the same to produce in court a copy of their constitution and by-laws, as well as a list of their members, was handed to me, who instituted said Lodge as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. O. F., on the 25th November, by their presiding officer, with the request to give him the necessary instructions how to proceed in this matter.

I beg leave to-day to state to the Honorable the Royal Police Department, at Lychen, such facts as relate to this subject, viz., Through the intervention of Baron GEROLT, the then Minister of Prussia with the Government of the United States, in Washington, and accompanied by his personal strong recommendations, the highest authority of the aforementioned Order transmitted to the Prussian Foreign Office, through the United States' Minister at the Court of Prussia, an official copy of its constitution, by-laws, regulations and secret work of the Order, petitioning, at the same time, for permission to introduce the Order in the Prussian States. Upon this petiton my predecessor, the then representative of the Order, Dr. JOHN F. MORSE, received the following reply from the Foreign Office through the United States' Minister, GEORGE A. BANCROFT, viz.,

"That there exists no legal impediment to the introduction of the American Order of Odd-Fellows in Prussia, provided the regulations, &c., are in exact correspondence with those transmitted by Baron GEROLT."

Upon repeated inquiries, both at the Foreign Office and the Chief Office of Police, (Polizei-Prasidium,) I have been notified that the Lodges in question are not required to report the names of their members, or transmit a copy of their by-laws, and that the highest authority—after due consideration and careful perusal of the documents presented—holds: "Neither the Order of Odd-Fellows, nor that of Masons, are affected by the articles referred to of the North German Penal Code—on the contrary, these articles have no reference at all to these societies."

This opinion, I am informed, was delivered after a consultation with both of the Secretaries of the Interior and Justice—and even His Majesty, the Emperor, has deigned to give this matter his own consideration and reflection.

Under these circumstances I leave it to the Royal Police Department, at Lychen, to take such further steps as they may deem advisable.

Berlin, December 15th, 1871. HUGO WOLLHEIM.

II.

Lychen, January 22d, 1872.

Your communication of the 15th ultimo, concerning the institution of a Lodge of the Order of Odd-Fellows in this place, was referred to our superior department. The Royal Dist. Court at Potsdam has issued the enclosed replication to the court (Landruthsbehorde) at Templin, under date 10th instant.

In informing you of this, we request you again to transmit to us within fourteen days, (to avoid complications,) the proof that an official permission for the institution of the Order in Prussia has been issued.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT,

(Signed,) SALSBERT.

To the Special Deputy of the American Order
of Odd-Fellows, Mr. HUGO WOLLHEIM, Berlin.

III.

[ENCLOSURE.]

Report to the Royal Landruths-Amt, *Templin*. Our records show nothing to prove that the State recognizes the Order of Odd-Fellows as a legal institution.

The Police Department at Lychen will, therefore, apply to Mr. BERLIN, or the Special Deputy, WOLLHEIM, for the proofs that an official decree to that effect has been promulgated.

ROYAL REGIERUNG, Department of the Interior,

[Signed,] KUMMER-FRANKE.

Potsdam, January 10th, 1872.

EXPLANATIONS OF THE TRANSLATOR. { REGIERUNG—Superior Bench of a Province. LANDRUTHSBEHORDE—Superior Bench of a Circuit. POLIZEI-PRÆSIDIUM—Presidency of the Police Department

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IV.

To His Excellency, the Secretary of the Interior.

In 1870 the American Order of Odd-Fellows presented a petition to the Royal government through the United States Minister, GEORGE A. BANCROFT, praying for permission to organize Lodges within the Prussian States.

On November 10th, 1870, after the Prussian Minister, with the government of the United States, in Washington, had transmitted copies of the constitution, by-laws, regulations and secret work of the Order, and individually favored the granting of the prayer, an official decision was promulgated "that there is no impediment to the introduction of the American Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in Prussia, as far as the same is in correspondence with the regulations, &c., transmitted by Baron GEROLT."

In consequence of this decision, of which an official copy was handed to the authorized representative of the Order by the American Minister, the Order organized and instituted in this city on April 2d, 1871, the first Lodge under the title of "Germania Lodge, No. 1," informing, however, in due time, the Royal Police Department of the organization of this Lodge, and the time and place of meeting. Since this date—on account of the approbation of the government—the membership of said Lodge has not only largely increased but branches of it, *i. e.*, many new Lodges have been instituted in rapid succession by the undersigned, the present authorized representative of the Order.

The third Lodge in Prussia was instituted on the 27th of November, 1871, and bears the name of "Teutonia Lodge, No. 3;" it is located at the town of Lychen and meets regularly every Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. GUSTAV BERLIN. The Police Department of said town, upon having been duly informed of this action, remonstrated against the legal existence of this Lodge, and I therefore send in my replication, referring in the same to the Ministerial Decree aforementioned.

Upon the transmission of my reply to the Bench, superior to the Police Department, at Lychen, the Royal "Regierung" at Potsdam issued the decision to the "Landradhs behorde" *Templin*, of which I beg to enclose a copy. The Police Department at Lychen orders me now to prove that an official recognition of the Order in Prussia has actually taken place.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays: That your Excellency cause the necessary regulations to be issued in order to prevent the interference with

the extension of the Order, and to promote that liberty which it has always enjoyed in this city.

I enclose the original of my authorization as Representative of the Order for Prussia, and begging your Excellency to return this document, after perusal, I remain, in anticipation of an early reply,

Most obediently, H. WOLLHEIM.

V.

Berlin, March 18th, 1872.

In reply to your communication of the 29th January, I return herewith the enclosures, and send you herein—for your guidance and information—a copy of the decision which the Royal Regierung, at Potsdam, has transmitted, on the 6th March, to the Police Department at Lychen, in regard to the American Order of Odd-Fellows.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

By order, [Signed,] VON KLUETZOW.

To the Special Deputy of the American Order of Odd-Fellows, H. WOLLHEIM.

VI.

Potsdam, March 6th, 1872.

In response to the inquiries of the Police Department, of December 18th, 1871, and February 27th, 1872, addressed to the Royal Landrathsbehorde, Templin, and referred to us, the Police Department will take notice, that,

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior has found the association (Order of Odd-Fellows,) to be a perfectly lawful organization, its ends being legal, its influence upon public matters being harmless, and its laws of secresy referring only to ceremonies of the Order, which may be regarded as indifferent,—Therefore, a summons for the production in court of a list of members of Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, at Lychen, or a copy of the by-laws of said Lodge, should be refrained from.

The Police Department will, therefore, instruct the Special Deputy of said Order, Mr. WOLLHEIM, differently.

ROYAL REGIERUNG, Department of the Interior,

[Signed,] VON BRANDRITSCH.

To the Police Department, Lychen.—I. 294–3.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., Berlin, February 20, 1872.
Grand Rec. and Cor. Sec'y R. W. G. L. U. S.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: After a pause of several weeks I avail myself of the first leisure time to continue my report, and to conclude by addressing you on the prospects and the wants of the district.

The extension of the Order is proceeding at a somewhat slower pace than before, but steadily and surely progressing. As I told you before, we shall have several new Lodges here before July 1st, and I can increase the

number of Lodges here at any time, as long as there is no new hall and new outfit to be provided, but when our hall is occupied every night in the week, then it requires the renting and furnishing of another hall, and a new supply of regalia, &c., to start new Lodges. A Lodge once started and put on its feet will take care of itself, but you cannot get the charter members to incur the heavy expense of the outfit. In many places outside of Berlin good Lodges could be instituted, if I had funds at my disposal, and if I was so situated as to be able to spend the time required for that purpose. As it is, the one thing which is needed, is the appointment either of some one who has the entire confidence of the Grand Sire, and the necessary qualification, as Special Deputy for Germany and Switzerland, or of several District Deputies for the several districts, to place funds at their disposal, and to remunerate them for the work, if it shall accomplish anything worth speaking of, requires a great sacrifice of time and individual interests. This is my deliberate opinion and my conscientious advice, and, in order to leave you and the Grand Sire entirely unembarrassed, if you should conclude to take the course here indicated, I herewith place my own commission at your disposal, to be transferred on any one who may be considered by the Grand Sire to be *the* person fit to be intrusted with this important mission.

Meanwhile I shall try to act so that whoever may be chosen to succeed me, shall find matters in good shape, and I assure you also, that I shall always co-operate with him for the good of the Order, to the extent of my ability.

I cannot learn from any source that arrangements have been made to act upon the resolution of the Grand Lodge respecting a revision of the German work, and so important and urgent do I consider such a revision, (to be made by the best talent on this side,) that I do not hesitate to declare that the future prosperity of the Order in Germany depends on it.

It is much to be regretted that the vote of thanks to BANCROFT, BISMARCK, &c., &c., has not been acted upon, or if it has, that it has not been done through the medium of the Representatives of the Order here

From "Herz and Hand" you will have seen what the desire of the brotherhood here is in regard to a German Grand Lodge. I think, after July 1st, you will receive an application for a Grand Lodge.

During this week the Degree of Rebekah will be introduced with a fair show of success. On Saturday next I will give instruction in this work to all the officers of the different Lodges in this district. And now, dear sir and brother, I must conclude for to-day. * * * Upon the authority of the special referee of the Ministry of the Interior, I can say, that I shall shortly be in possession of a document from the Department of the Interior, which will establish us on a firm basis. As soon as received I will send copy of the same and of the whole correspondence by which it was elicited.

I shall be very happy to hear from you soon, and enclosing "Germania" Lodge, No. 1, report for last term, and seal and by-laws of Teutonia, No. 3,

I remain, dear sir and brother, yours, most fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

Please remember me kindly to the Grand Sire and Brother KENNEDY, also to my old friend, Mr. CROYEAU, of your city.

By-laws of Templar, No. 4, will follow as soon as completed.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Berlin, May 18, 1872.
R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge with pleasure your several favors of 10th, 11th and 16th ultimo. The documents advised with that of

April 10th have come safely to hand and were disposed of according to directions. Those for the Prussian government, Baron VON GEROLT, Prince BISMARCK and Mr. BANCROFT were sent with accompanying letters of mine, as etiquette seemed to require. As soon as acknowledgments are received I shall forward the entire correspondence. From D. D. Grand Sires BERNHEIM and ARNOUX I have advices that those documents of which they took charge have been personally delivered, and no doubt they have reported the details to you as requested. From D. D. Grand Sire HEINRICH I have no advices as yet. I received a few days ago the supplies advised by your last favor of 16th ultimo and am very much obliged to you for them.

I will now report the new institutions and hope you will not be too strict with me, but will excuse, that you always learn of my doings indirectly before receiving official reports.

The first institution was that of Concordia Lodge, No. 5, on the 25th of March, with five charter members as per petition enclosed. I enclose their by-laws and impression of seal which have only now been completed. I will only state in addition, that the Lodge counts now over 40 members (about 30 of whom have the scarlet degree) and 10 candidates already balloted for, but not initiated yet; there is no doubt whatever that this Lodge will have over 60 members on July 1st, among whom is a goodly number of Masons. I pronounce the Lodge an excellent one and promising exceedingly well. I here enclose also the by-laws of Templar, No. 4, and the amended by-laws of Borussia, No. 2, for approval.

The next institutions were those of Minerva Degree Lodge, No. 1, on the 27th of April, and of "Einigkeit" Degree Lodge, No. 1, of the Daughters of Rebekah, on the 28th of April. The petitions for both of these you will find enclosed, their by-laws and seals will follow as soon as completed. The proper cards and certificates upon which the three petitions are based are all in my hands. For the Degree and the Rebekah Degree Lodges, I used the dispensations I had, changing the text to suit, viz., in the case of the Degree Lodge, "to admit scarlet members, and to confer the five degrees upon the presentation of proper certificates;" and in the case of the Rebekah Degree Lodge, "to admit Daughters of Rebekah and brothers forming the degree to confer it upon the presentation of proper certificates." I am well aware that the dispensations issued by the R. W. Grand Lodge will hardly cover the institution of a Degree Lodge, and I doubt my authority to institute any such Lodge at all in the name of the Grand Sire, but the necessity for a Degree Lodge was very urgent, and I did not do it until I had been assured by Past Grand Representative OSTHEIM, that my action would not be disavowed. If I have committed an irregularity I humbly await your correction.

I shall make an effort to institute a sixth Lodge during next month, and immediately after July 1st will start the movement for a Grand Lodge.

In concluding this letter permit me to assure you that I am very thankful for the praise and confidence bestowed upon me by yourself and the Grand Sire, but I must say also that you overestimate the services which I rendered the cause so far. I will endeavor, however, to act in future so as to deserve your praise.

Excuse my breaking off here, and believe me, dear sir and brother,

Yours most fraternally, H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, June 5th, 1872.

D. D. Grand Sire, Kingdom of Prussia.

MY DEAR BROTHER: Your exceedingly gratifying letter of 18th ultimo reached me to-day, just behind time for our steamer, which sailed at noon.

I am glad to learn that the documents reached you safely, and that they have each, also through your prompt attention, arrived at their destinations. Advices from O. ARNOUX and Brother BERNHEIM, D. D. Grand Sires—the former of 16th, the latter of 18th ultimo—give me the pleasing intelligence, that these distinguished officers had each acquitted himself of the important service with which he was charged, in this connection. I shall take occasion to make public portions of this very interesting correspondence, so soon as you have transmitted the detail of your part in this drama. Our brethren will share with you in the gratification which the proceeeding is so justly calculated to inspire.

I have received your report of the institution of Concordia Lodge, No. 5, Degree Lodge, No. 1, and Rebekah Degree Lodge, also copies of the by-laws and seals, which will be submitted to the Grand Lodge of United States for approval. The Subordinate Lodge, certainly, goes into existence under the most favorable auspices, and has a most flattering prospect. The question of power, which you have exercised in instituting the Degree Lodges, it is hardly worth while to discuss, or indeed to consider, since the confirmation of the warrants, at the next session, will, doubtless, be authorized, unless some reason, which does not now appear, should be made known. Touching the movement now making in your jurisdiction, for the formation of a Grand Lodge, and the promise expressed in the Herz and Hand on that subject, I beg to say, that the subject strikes me as far more momentous and important than would, at first, appear. My mind has been a good deal exercised upon the subject of Odd-Fellowship in foreign countries, established under our auspices. I am decidedly of opinion, and have been for many years, that as soon as such organizations are ripe for self-dependence and government, such formations should be encouraged and established: the only inquiry I should make would be—are they ready and capable of such responsibility? To judge of this accurately, we do not occupy, at present, the proper standpoint. At this distance we must, necessarily, rely for the most part upon the superintending officers for correct information, and to them also must we commit the well-being of the institution. In this respect, I am happy to say, that we have been greatly favored by the possession of zealous, efficient and highly capable officers, and what is not less a subject of congratulation, on our part, these officers have combined with their eminent qualities, high moral character, and an intensity of devotion to the cause, which have given it great advantage. Nevertheless, with all the aid of this experience and instruction, we are not yet in a condition, perhaps, to examine this grave subject in all its bearings, and to decide wisely what is best to be done.

This is undoubtedly a matter of deep significance, involving as it does the general status of the Parent Body to its affiliated branches all over the world. The effects to flow from the course now adopted are so momentous, and our responsibility, in view of that fact, so great, that we are earnestly admonished to act with circumspection and not without the amplest deliberation. If our conclusions shall be wisely taken in the premises, we may look confidently for a success, which will not only gladden our hearts but which will beyond all doubt diffuse our beloved Order throughout your splendid Fatherland, and thence throughout Europe. The crisis challenges especial attention, and invites a thorough conference on the part of our brethren in the several German Kingdoms and Switzerland. You have expressed the opinion "that the German Grand Lodges should bear, for the first year or two, the same relation to the Grand Lodge of the United States as our State Grand Lodges." I am not prepared to discuss this suggestion at this time, in the absence of your special reasons for the opinion; my first impressions are otherwise: nevertheless, I recommend that you go into council, consider carefully your true welfare in the premises, and when you have fully determined, send to the next Grand Lodge of the United States a special bearer of your views and wishes. This will

involve some trouble and some expense, but as nothing, generally speaking, is of any value which costs no effort, it will well repay the venture, in the yield which will be assured.

There are many considerations which recommend this course, but I do not enumerate them, for the reason that it will be obvious, independently of all others, that the personal presence of a delegate here will have greater weight than any other means which may be employed to present intelligently and satisfactorily your views upon the subject.

Looking forward for your full report of the correspondence with the several distinguished parties to whom the Grand Lodge of the United States voted its acknowledgments, and commending to your serious consideration our common welfare, I beg to remain with sincere appreciation,

Your brother, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Berlin, May 3d, 1872.

His Excellency Baron VON GEROLT.

DEAR SIR: As the representative of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows for Prussia, and as the executive agent of the Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, it devolves upon me to present to you, in their name and on their behalf, the accompanying vote of thanks, together with the enclosed letter. In discharging this agreeable duty, permit me to avail myself of the occasion, to express to you the profound respect in which you are held by the already numerous brotherhood in this district under my charge, and of the gratitude which they are sensible they owe to your Excellency, for your kind intercession, by which they were enabled to affiliate themselves with that humane and benevolent institution, and to firmly establish it on their native soil.

Allow me to subscribe myself, with sentiments of the highest esteem,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

HUGO WOLLHEIM,
Unter den Linden, 68A. L. Stage.

LINZ A.-R., Prussia, May 19th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq,
Corresponding Secretary R. W. G. L. of U. S., I. O. O. F,
Baltimore.

DEAR SIR: On my return from Berlin, a few days ago, I was favored with your letter of April the 2d, together with the beautiful testimonial, in print, expressing to me the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in the United States, for my official recommendation to His Majesty's Government, on behalf of the establishment of American Odd-Fellowship in Germany.

I am happy to learn from your letter, that the wishes of the Grand Lodge manifested to me in Washington in 1870, by the United States' Vice-President, Honorable Mr. COLFAX, and the Grand Sire of your Order, have been accomplished, and I congratulate myself for having been able to contribute, in that way, to foster the relations of friendship which so happily exist already between Germany and the United States' Government and the American people.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your obedient servant, BARON FR. v. GEROLT.

LINZ A.-R., May 26th, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Esq.,
D. D. Grand Sire of the U. S. I. O. O. F. for Prussia, Berlin.

DEAR SIR: I had the honor to receive your letter of the 3d instant, with the letter and document enclosed, from the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O O. F., on the day of my departure from Berlin, and having been prevented since that time from attending to my correspondence, I beg to apologize for my delay in answering your letter.

After my return to my home here, I sent my answer and thanks to the Corresponding Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, at Baltimore, for the honor conferred upon me by the beautiful acknowledgment, for having contributed to strengthen the friendly relations between Germany and the United States, by recommending the introduction of American Odd-Fellowship in my native country.

I have the honor to be, dear sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
FR. v. GEROLT.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Berlin, May 3, 1872.

His Excellency PRINCE BISMARCK,
Premier of the German Empire.

HONORED SIR: As the representative for Prussia of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and as the executive agent of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, it devolves upon me to transmit to your Excellency the accompanying vote of thanks together with the enclosed letter. In discharging this honorable and most agreeable duty, permit me to avail myself of the occasion to express to you, on behalf of the brotherhood in this district under my charge, their heartfelt thanks and deep gratitude for having been permitted, through your intercession, to affiliate themselves with an institution so eminently humane and benevolent, and to introduce and firmly establish it on their native soil. Allow me, honored sir, to subscribe myself, with sentiments of profound respect, Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

HUGO WOLLHEIM,
Unter den Linden, No. 68, A.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Berlin, May 7th, 1872.

His Excellency COUNT OF EULENBURG,
Minister of Interior.

YOUR EXCELLENCY: As representative of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of the I. O. O. F. for Prussia, I have had delegated to me the exceedingly pleasant duty of presenting to the Royal Prussian Government the enclosed documents unanimously adopted by that body. In fulfilling the duty imposed upon me, I beg your Excellency to permit me also, in the name and on behalf of the Prussian members of this Order under my jurisdiction, to return you our thanks for the kindly interest shown by you in this matter, which has placed them in position to unite

themselves with so humane an institution, and firmly to establish and successfully to carry it on in Prussian territory.

I request your Excellency to accept the expressions of most profound regard of

Your Excellency's very ob't servant,

HUGO WOLLHEIM,
Unter den Linden, No. 68.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Berlin, May 3d, 1872.

Honorable GEORGE BANCROFT,
Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary
at the Court of Prussia, Berlin.

DEAR SIR: As the representative for Prussia of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and as the executive agent of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, it devolves upon me to transmit to you, in his name and on his behalf, the accompanying vote of thanks, together with the enclosed letter. In doing so, permit me to avail myself of this occasion, to express to you, on behalf of the brotherhood in this district under my charge, which already numbers more than two hundred members, their sense of gratitude for your kind efforts through which they were enabled to affiliate themselves with an American institution so eminently humane and benevolent, and to successfully introduce and firmly establish it on their native soil. Permit me also to add for myself, sincerest thanks for the kindness and courtesy bestowed upon me, and for your valuable advice, by which my efforts to overcome the technical difficulties, which seemed to obstruct my official administration, were finally crowned with complete success.

Instructions have lately been issued from the Department of the Interior to those local authorities who had impeded our progress, directly sanctioning the establishment of Lodges, and waiving the filing of statutes or list of members. The documents are at your disposal whenever you desire them.

Allow me, dear sir, to subscribe myself, with sentiments of the highest esteem,

Your most obedient servant,

HUGO WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Berlin, June 6th, 1872.
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I avail myself of the first leisure moment to communicate to you the news of the institution of "Humboldt, No. 6, of Prussia," with seven charter members, as per petition here enclosed, the proper cards being in my hands. The institution took place on the 5th instant, in our hall, in the presence of a number of brethren from all Lodges. The officers installed are—Noble Grand, F. W. VON GUERARD; Vice-Grand, C. FROUNER; Recording Secretary, W. KIENITZ; Permanent Secretary, THE. FREY; Treasurer, F. W. LOHDE. Seven proposals for membership were

referred to committees the same evening. The new Lodge promises very well. Official copy of by-laws, and impression of seal, will be forwarded as early as possible.

I am now, after July 1, going to make preparation for a convention of all German Lodges, (Switzerland will not go with us,) for the purpose of petitioning for a charter for a German Grand Lodge.

I take this opportunity of reporting, that upon my letters accompanying the votes of thanks to the Prussian Government and to Prince BISMARCK, Mr. BANCROFT, and Baron von GEROLT, (whereof please find press copies enclosed,) I have so far received an answer only from the last named gentleman, which I here enclose in original. I trust the other replies will, ere long, be received, when I shall not fail to transmit them without delay. From the other D. D. Grand Sires, who acknowledged the receipt of the diplomas and letters to me, and advised me of their delivery, you have no doubt, ere this, received direct reports.

In conclusion, I would kindly request you to present my regards to the M. W. Grand Sire, and for myself, and the whole brotherhood under my charge, assure him of our deepest sympathy in his sad bereavement, of which we learned only yesterday, through the last number of the "*Herz and Hand.*"

Accept my best wishes for your own health and prosperity, and believe me, dear sir and brother, Yours, most fraternally, in F., L. and T.,

In great haste. H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

H. WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, June 27th, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of ... instant, accompanied with copies of your official note to Prince BISMARCK, to Baron GEROLT, to Mr. BANCROFT, American Minister at Berlin, and to his Excellency Count EULENBURG, Minister of Interior of the Prussian Government: also reply of his Excellency Baron GEROLT; original application of petitioners for Humbolt Lodge, No. 6, of Prussia, at Berlin, and your report of the constitution of the same on 5th June instant, with name of officers installed. I trust that ere long you will be in possession of replies from all the parties to whom the compliments of the Grand Lodge of the United States have been conveyed. It is my purpose, so soon as the record on this subject shall be complete, to give publicity through our periodical Press to the entire correspondence, believing that the brotherhood will be highly gratified with the very satisfactory manner in which the business has been conducted on the part of the D. D. Grand Sires, and with the substantial footing which our Order occupies, thereby, in the Fatherland.

Referring to your purpose of making preparations for a convention of all German and Swiss Lodges, with a view to an application for a charter for a Grand Lodge, I wish you success and give you my decided cooperation. There can be no doubt in my opinion that such is the wise course. The only difficulty in the path, it appears to me, is the detail of plan. How shall this organization be constructed so as best to subserve the great object, viz., the prosperity and efficiency of American Odd-Fellowship in independent Nationalities? In your case, the question is to be decided whether each Kingdom in the Germanic Empire should be constituted into a Grand Jurisdiction, as they respectively attain the qualification as to strength prescribed by our laws, or whether the whole be merged into one Grand organization. This and other kindred considerations invite attention, and will doubtless occupy the mind of your convention. You are better prepared than we to determine all such inquiries, and we shall confidently rely upon our brethren in Germany to give us their views and wishes in this regard. I hope that you will be delegated to attend the approaching

session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Baltimore, in order that on so important a subject there may be the fullest conference, and that the most satisfactory results may be attained. I beg to be,

Your sincere friend and brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

P. S. Official replies have been received from B. GEROLT, the Grand Secretary, and also from D. D. Grand Sires ARNOUX and BERNHEIM.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., BERLIN, July 30th, 1872.
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the pleasure to acknowledge your kind favor of 5th and 27th June. I also beg to acknowledge through you, to the Most Worthy Grand Sire, the receipt of his two favors of June 14th and 27th, and to say to him and to you, that I am happy in being able to communicate the gratifying intelligence here following:

The convention has been held; all jurisdictions except Switzerland were represented. The result is a petition for a *German* Grand Lodge in regular form. This petition I shall shortly have the pleasure to present in person, and shall, at the same time, lay before you (and the Grand Sire, if I can meet him,) the exact wants and wishes of the united jurisdictions. I do not come as a delegate for the Grand Lodge meeting, and shall not be able to stay till it meets, but I shall stay in New York, on business with my insurance company, perhaps little over one week; but I will endeavor to go to Baltimore for a day.

I shall start about August 10th; next mail will advise you of the exact time of my starting. I shall bring with me the by-laws and seals of the last instituted Lodges which you have not received yet, the acknowledgments of diplomas yet missing, if I can obtain them in time, and also the copy of the Grand Sire's letter to me of November 5th, which he requests in his last favor.

I am in great haste to-day; shall write again in a few days. Meanwhile, I remain, dear sir, Yours fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

U. S. LEGATION, Berlin, August 5th, 1872.

MY DEAR SIR: I have had the pleasure of receiving the vote which the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows adopted in respect to me, and beg you to assure them of my great satisfaction in learning authentically that my efforts to meet their wishes have met their approbation.

I remain, dear sir, yours sincerely,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *G. R. C. S., &c.* GEO. BANCROFT.

BERLIN, August 9th, 1872.

SIR: In reply to your favor of the 7th of May, 1872, relating to the I. O. O. F., I have the honor to certify to you that I have received the documents from the Grand Lodge of the United States, transmitted through you.

By order of the Minister of the Interior,

To Mr. HUGO WOLLHEIM, KLUETSZOW.
68 Unter den Linden, Berlin.

FOREIGN OFFICE, Berlin, August 10, 1872.

SIR: In reply to your favor of May 3d, I have the honor to inform you that I have with the same received a diploma, enclosing resolutions of acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

By order of the Imperial Chancellor,

VON BUELOW I.

To Mr. HUGO WOLLHEIM, Present.

BERLIN, August 2d, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary,
R. W. G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Confirming my respects of 30th ultimo, via Hamburg, I would now advise you that I am booked on the "Java," which sails from Liverpool on the 10th instant. On my arrival at New York, which I hope to reach about the 20th or 21st instant, I shall not fail to advise you. Meanwhile, believe me, dear sir and brother,

Yours, fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

NEW YORK, August 26th, 1872

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary,
R. W. G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Excuse me that I have not advised you before since my arrival here. I knew you were advised through Brother Past Grand Sire KENNEDY. I intend to go to you this week, but cannot positively say yet which day—in a day or two I hope to be able to fix the time, and shall either write, or, if the time is too short, telegraph before leaving here. I shall be pleased to hear from you meanwhile whether I am likely to meet you if I go there on Wednesday or Thursday, and whether the Grand Sire is likely to be in Baltimore or in Washington the latter part of this week.

Waiting your kind reply, I am, dear sir and brother, in great haste,

Yours, fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

VOTE OF THANKS

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Dr. JOHN F. MORSE, Baltimore, April 16th, 1872.
Past D. D. Grand Sire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is made my agreeable duty, by resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, unanimously adopted, to present to you, in its behalf, its profound acknowlegments for eminent services rendered to our Order in your capacity of Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe. That duty I have discharged, by causing the exact words used by that Grand Body, in giving expression to the obligation recognized, to be elaborately engrossed upon a diploma form, which I now have the honor of transmitting to you.

I have already, on so many occasions, as well public as private, spoken my sentiments on the subject of your German mission, and its splendid results, that further words from me in that direction would be inappropriate. In the hope that the parcel may reach its destination safely, and that the memories which the compliment conferred may awaken, often times during your future life, may always be pleasant, I beg to be,

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

MY MUCH CHERISHED FRIEND: I have received, with sincere gratification, the beautiful "souvenir," which refined taste and artistic genius combined, has so elaborately prepared, by authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and in its name, to do me honor. Please present to my brethren my profound acknowledgments for this distinguished compliment, and allow me to add, to you, my cordial recognition of your kind and fraternal sentiments. Yours, ever,

JOHN F. MORSE.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the report was referred to the same committee to which the Grand Sire's report was referred.

The Chair named the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; MORSE, of California; MEDOLE, of New York; WOODYATT, of Ontario; HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia; CURRY, of Kentucky; ALEXANDER, of Illinios; BARBER, of Mississippi; PIERCE, of Indiana.

Judiciary Committee.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; MCKINSTRY, of Alabama; DURHAM, of Kentucky; COX, of Maryland; ELLIS, of Illinois; CARTER, of Ohio; PORTER, of Massachusetts; GIVEN, of the District of Columbia; FLETCHER, of New Hampshire.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; FITZHUGH, of Virginia; LEECH, of Iowa; BARROWS, of Mississippi; HAMILTON, of New York; TOMPKINS, of Alabama; DEAN, of Michigan; CRANE, of New Jersey; MILTON, of Mississippi.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. WHITE, of New York; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; ROBINSON, of Virginia; COHEN, of Arkansas; MCLAREN, of California; HARRIS, of New Jersey; WILSON, of Louisiana; EMPIE, of Kansas; MOORE, of Iowa.

Committee of Appeals.—Reps. PORTER, of California; MCCARTY, of Kansas; MADDEN, of New York; HUDSON, of Wisconsin; RAWLINGS, of Maryland; VANCE, of West Virginia; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; WILKERSON, of Missouri; LEBBY, of South Carolina.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. HARMON, of California; HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; TRAPP, of Kentucky; TURNER, of Ohio; JOHNSON, of Tennessee; PRICE, of Missouri; NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. LATHAM, of Virginia; WHITTEN, of Maine; PRICE, of Massachusetts; FUHRMANN, of Minnesota; DODGE, of Rhode Island; GALES, of North Carolina; FAIRCHILD, of Connecticut.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. EARL, of Ohio; TICKNOR, of Illinois; HARCOURT, of Texas; WHITTAKER, of New Jersey; WHALLEY, of Oregon; SMITH, of Nevada; SANDERS, P. G. Sire, of New York.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Ross, of New Jersey; JONES, of Nebraska; PHELPS, of Connecticut; HUBBARD, of Wisconsin; GARDINER, of New Hampshire; CLARK, of Minnesota; HOOPER, of Arkansas.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. RAND, of Massachusetts; NUNGESSER, of Louisiana; OLNEY, of Rhode Island; CLARK, of Vermont; ROBBE, of Georgia; SMART, of New Hampshire; BEHARRELL, of Indiana.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. DOWDEN, of Kentucky; DOLSON, of Ontario; HASELTINE, of Maine; MEYER, of South Carolina; VANDEGRIFF, of Louisiana.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. McLEAN, of the District of Columbia; LINDENBERG, of Ohio; RICHARDSON, of Texas; SHIELDS, of Alabama; DEWOLF, of Indiana.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. KENT, of Colorado; DAMON, of Florida; SIDES, of Michigan; PLIMPTON, of Massachusetts; DARNEL, of West Virginia.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolutions known as Standing Resolutions, as they appear on page 5270 of the Journal of 1871, shall be and continue in force at this and subsequent sessions of this Grand Lodge until modified or rescinded, and shall be published as heretofore in the Journal—and that in the fifth resolution the first blank shall be filled with fifteen and the second with ten.

On motion of Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, the further consideration of the resolution was postponed until to-morrow.

Rep. McLEAN, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was, on his motion, postponed until to-morrow:

Resolved, That in future publications of the revised Journal the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to omit what are called the Standing Resolutions, to be found on page 5270.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, submitted the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the election of Grand Officers be made the special order for to-morrow, immediately after the morning recess.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the final adjournment of the present session of this Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby fixed for Wednesday, the 25th instant.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That there be added to the Standing Committees of this R. W. Grand Lodge, a "Committee on the Degree of Rebekah."

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That there be added to the Standing Committees of this R. W. Grand Lodge, a "Committee on Foreign Relations."

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, in the introduction of our Order in Germany, Special Deputy Grand Sire JOHN F. MORSE was obliged to use his individual means to meet the necessary expenses attending the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to draw his draft on the Treasurer of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the sum of eleven hundred dollars, and pay the same to Bro. MORSE, to meet the expenses of the German mission.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That on and after the first day of January, 1873, the price of cards and dismissal certificates be ten cents each; and on all other supplies there shall be an additional reduction of twenty per cent. to that directed at our last session, so that the reduction shall be thirty per cent. on the prices as they existed before January 1, 1872.

The hour fixed for adjournment, viz., 3 o'clock, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, September 17th, 1872—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and

declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his supplementary report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary begs leave very respectfully to submit the following supplementary report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 16, 1872.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Odes.	Cards.	Dismissal Certificates.	Diplomas.
Delaware	.....	.....	$18 00	.....	.....
District of Columbia	.....	.....	5 10	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	$45 00	432 00	$18 00	$45 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	90 00	.....	.....
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire	.....	.....	173 70	.....	.....
New Jersey	.....	.....	45 00	.....	.....
New York	.....	.....	165 05	.....	.....
Ontario	.....	18 00	90 00	.....	.....
Tennessee	$3 50	9 00	144 00	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	110 85	.....	148 50	.....	.....
Alabama	.....	4 50	36 00	.....	.....
Virginia	14 50	.....	81 00	18 00	.....
Vermont	12 00	4 50	27 00	.....	.....
	$140 85	$81 00	$1,455 35	$36 00	$45 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

GRAND LODGES.	Miscellaneous.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Delaware	.....	$5 80	.....	$23 80
District of Columbia	.....	.....	$150 00	155 10
Illinois	.....	324 70	.....	864 70
Massachusetts	.....	.....	150 00	240 00
Michigan	.....	74 70	.....	74 70
New Hampshire	.....	187 00	150 00	510 70
New Jersey	.....	36 00	.....	81 00
New York	.....	.....	.....	165 05
Ontario	$ 60	116 40	.....	225 00
Tennessee	31 20	216 90	150 00	554 60
Pennsylvania	.....	56 25	.....	56 25
West Virginia	.....	9 30	.....	9 30
Rhode Island	1 70	86 60	150 00	497 65
Alabama	48	189 00	150 00	379 98
Virginia	.....	159 30	150 00	422 80
Vermont	6 30	38 70	75 00	163 50
	$40 28	$1,500 65	$1,125 00	$4,424 13

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 16, 1872.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Odes.	Cards.	Miscellaneous.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Total.
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
Illinois	.....	$54 00	.....	$41 40	.....	95 40
Massachusetts	.....	18 00	.....	.....	150 00	168 00
Maryland	.....	4 50	.....	30 60	150 00	185 10
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	7 20	.....	7 20
New Jersey	$5 63	.....	.....	18 00	.....	23 63
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	43 20	75 00	118 20
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	33 40	75 00	108 40
Ohio	.....	55 00	.....	45 00	150 00	250 00
Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 93	43 93
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	12 60	75 00	87 60
West Virginia	.....	9 00	$3 91	21 60	.....	34 51
	$5 63	$140 50	$3 91	$253 00	$943 93	$1,346 97

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.	Books.	Cards.	Dues.	Total.
Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Switzerland.....	.....	$7 00	$14 95	$21 95
Denver Encampment, No. 2, Montana...	.....	.....	24 25	24 25
Bald Mountain Encampment. No. 3, Montana.....	.....	.....	3 40	3 40
Park Encampment, No. 4, Montana.....	.....	.....	14 35	14 35
Hope Encampment, No. 2, Wyoming....	.....	.....	18 05	18 05
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana.....	.....	.....	62 70	62 70
Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Montana.....	.....	.....	33 95	33 95
Bannock Lodge, No. 3, Montana.....	.....	.....	17 65	17 65
Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Montana....	.....	.....	43 80	43 80
Lafayette Lodge, No. 8, South Carolina..	$5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska...	.....	.....	11 31	11 31
Hesperian Encampment, No. 2, Nebraska.	.....	.....	15 52	15 52
Saline Encampment, No. 3, Nebraska....	.....	.....	10 18	10 18
Platsmouth Encampment, No. 4, Nebraska.	.....	.....	5 83	5 83
Ashland Encampment, No. 5, Nebraska...	.....	.....	5 90	5 90
	$5 00	$7 00	$281 84	$293 84

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

INDIVIDUALS.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Books.	Cards.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of Pa.....	$37 50	.....	.....	.....	....	$37 50
D. H. Cuthbert, D. D. Grand Sire, of Montana.....	.....	$5 50	$27 50	$9 70	50	43 20
	$37 50	$5 50	$27 50	$9 70	50	$80 70

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Cards	Statement	$10,294 44	
	Supplementary	1,612 55	
			$11,906 99
Books	Statement	11,848 01	
	Supplementary	1,786 15	
			13,634 16
Balance	Statement	3,210 91	
	Supplementary	140 85	
			3,351 76
Charters	Statement	300 00	300 00
Odes	Statement	1,026 55	
	Supplementary	92 13	
			1,118 68
Diplomas	Statement	594 20	
	Supplementary	82 50	
			676 70
Dismissal Certificates	Statement	224 88	
	Supplementary	36 00	
			260 88
Rebekah Certificates	Statement	1 50	1 50
Miscellaneous	Statement	369 42	
	Supplementary	44 69	
			414 11
Dues	Statement	616 75	
	Supplementary	281 84	
			898 59
Representative Tax	Statement	7,200 00	
	Supplementary	2,068 93	
			9,268 93
			$41,832 30

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith present the annual report, showing the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year commencing with the 19th of September, 1871, and ending with the 16th of September, 1872, and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge at the last named date:

DR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ.

1871. Sept. 18.	To cash balance in Treasury this date as per report of the Committee on Finance, 5204 Journal of 1871, and report of Grand Treasurer, page 5109 same Journal	$23,770 04
1872. Sept. 16.	To this sum received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, on account of sales of supplies, and for Representative tax from 18th September, 1871, to this date, as per his book of receipts	41,832 30

1871. Nov.	11.	To six months interest accrued on $8,000 of U. S. bonds, due 1st November, 1871..	$240 00	
		To premium on the above in currency at 11¼	27 00	
1872. Jan'y	16.	To six months interest on $6,000 of U. S. bonds, due 1st January, 1872	180 00	
		To premium on above at 8¾ in currency..	15 75	
" May	9.	To six months interest on $4,000 of U. S. bonds, due 1st May, 1872	120 00	
		To premium on above in currency at 13¾.	16 50	
" July	18.	To six months interest on $10,000 of U. S. bonds due 1st July, 1872	300 00	
		To premium on above in currency at 14½.	43 50	
				$942 75
" Feb'y	2.	To balance on note of Grand Lodge of Texas of date September 13th, 1868		350 36
" "	"	To balance on note of Grand Encampment of Texas of date September 16th, 1867		172 00
" Jan'y	16.	Proceeds of sale of $4,000 in United States 5-20 registered bonds of 1862, redeemed under the order of the Treasury Department of the United States, and page 5205 of the Journal of 1871, at 109		4,360 00
		Total		$71,427 45

CR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ.

1871. Sept.	23.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and P. G. Sires, who were in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge at Chicago, which commenced on the 18th of September, 1871, for mileage and per diem, as per report of committee on that subject, page 5226 of the Journal of that year, less $150.00, which had been paid to D. D. Grand Sire Morse, in advance of the session, August 29th, 1871, as per page 5111 of the Journal of 1871, and $6 which P. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson returned	$16,813 80
" Oct.	7.	This sum paid Grand Representative J. Y. Dashiel, of Texas, for mileage, as per special resolution, pages 5203, 5248, Journal of 1871	164 70
" Sept.	19.	Paid Telegraph Company at Chicago, per transmitting dispatch to Berlin, Prussia, by order of Grand Lodge, 18th of September, 1871, page 4978 Journal	53 35
" "	23.	D. D. Grand Sire Morse, for postage, &c	16 70
" "	29.	James Young, for printing correspondence of Grand Sire, and of D. D. Grand Sire Morse, in connection with the Order in Germany	123 63
" "	"	James Young, for services at session of 1871, as per resolution of Grand Lodge, session of 1871, page 5204 Journal	116 00
" "	30.	Ellis & Kennedy, printing daily Journal, &c. at Chicago	1,871 02
1871. Oct.	3.	Safe Deposit Company, for safe keeping of bonds.	10 50
" "	21.	Grand Representative John H. White, for digesting, indexing, &c., Journal of Grand Lodge, under resolution, September 21st, 1871, page 5181 Journal	750 09

1871.	Oct.	30.	Home Insurance Company of Albany, risk on stereotype plates	$11 20
"	"	"	Post Master at Baltimore, for post office order for above amount	10
"	Nov.	4.	George F. Lewis, of Philadelphia, for printing cards	172 50
"	"	10.	Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture, books, &c., at Baltimore	11 05
"	"	11.	J. Y. Slater, for printing Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports	359 58
"	Dec.	2.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months salary	750 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months salary	350 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger, for incidental expenses of Grand Secretary's office, freight, &c	168 94
"	"	"	W. F. Hesse, for repairing stove	5 00
"	"	9.	J. F. Gedney, drawings of emblems, &c	164 00
"	"	11.	Gibson Brothers, for printing emblems	21 25
"	"	23.	James Young, for printing and binding of volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4, of the Journal of the Grand Lodge	1,288 21
1872.	Jan.	16.	McKim & Co., for $4,000 of United States coupon bonds of 1867, at 112, and commission charge by brokers	4,486 20
"	"	14.	J. F. Gedney, for printing emblems	97 50
"	"	17.	Safe Deposit Company, for safe keeping of bonds.	2 25
"	"	26.	Weed, Parsons & Co., on account printing Digest.	1,000 00
"	"	29.	Grand Sire F. D. Stuart, for postage, &c	43 55
"	"	30.	Rawlings & Brunner, for binding Journals	15 00
"	Feb.	3.	Gibson Brothers, for printing odes, &c	335 50
"	"	19.	Ellis & Kennedy, of Chicago, for printing revised Journal	7,333 48
"	"	29.	J. F. Gedney, for printing emblems	43 87
"	March	1.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months salary	750 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months salary	350 00
"	"	"	Grand Messenger, incidental expenses of Grand Secretary's office, freight, &c	172 72
"	"	13.	G. F. Lewis, for printing cards	227 70
"	"	22.	Express Company, for freight to San Francisco.	43 25
"	"	29.	Grand Sire F. D. Stuart, for travelling expenses, &c	250 00
"	"	30.	Grand Representative J. H. White, balance of appropriation for making Digest and Index	250 00
"	April	3.	Alanson Fisher, for painting portrait of P. G. Sire E. D. Farnsworth	440 00
"	"	5.	Associated Firemen's Insurance Company, for risk on books, furniture, &c	17 75
"	"	16.	W. Lacy & Co., agent, for risk on stereotype plates at Albany	12 10
"	"	27.	James Young, for printing books and odes	281 09
"	"	27.	F. Bergner, for hanging portrait frames, &c	9 00
"	"	"	D. D. Grand Sire P. O. Hooper, expenses incidental	5 80
"	"	27.	G. F. Lewis, printing cards and diplomas	159 25
"	May	4.	Express Freight	110 10
"	"	4.	12 months subscription to "Heart and Hand."	2 00

1872. May	8.	Gibson Brothers, for printing resolutions	$17 10
" "	21.	F. Bergner, for frame	2 50
" "	22.	Pawson & Nicholson, for binding, printing, &c.	68 84
" "	25.	P. Kitterlaneus, for printing and translating work in Degree of Rebekah	150 00
" "	27.	Express Company, Adam's, for freight from New York	36 35
" "	31.	Express Company, Adam's, for freight from New York	54 75
" "	"	F. Bergner, for frame	2 50
" June	1.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months salary	750 00
" "	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months salary	350 00
" "	"	Grand Messenger, for express, freight, postage, &c	102 59
" "	3.	John Williams, for inserting sheets in new Digest	52 48
" "	17.	L. Selligsberg, for translation of work in German	78 00
" "	28.	Weed, Parsons & Co., of Albany, on account printing new edition of Digest	2,000 00
" July	6.	W. H. Dougal, for recutting card plates	180 00
" "	"	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards	103 50
" "	13.	James Young, for printing Degree of Rebekah books, &c	125 67
" "	19.	J. F. Gedney, for printing and engraving	94 80
" "	24.	Weeds, Parsons & Co., for balance of bill for printing new Digest	671 37
" Aug.	1.	C. C. Fulton, for advertising for proposals for printing Journal, &c	25 80
" "	2.	Paul & Lindsay, for binding books	17 87
" "	19.	Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent of premises, &c., of Grand Secretary	325 00
" "	21.	James Young, for printing charge books, &c	1,424 52
" Sept.	2.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months salary	750 00
" "	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three months salary	350 00
" "	"	Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for incidental expenses of Grand Secretary's office	91 29
" "	5.	James Young, for printing charge books	241 00
" "	10.	J. F. Gedney, for printing emblems	13 00
" "	"	Grand Sire Stuart, incidental expenses for twelve months	90 05
" "	"	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards	103 50
" "	12.	J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery	293 55
" "	14.	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for postage and check stamps	2 75
" "	14.	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for twelve months salary	500 00
			$48,728 42
		Cash balance	22,699 03
		Total	71,427 45
		Cash balance brought down	$22,699 03

THE AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash balance as above	$22,699 03
U. S. 5-20 coupon bonds of 1865, par value	10,000 00
" " " " 1867, "	4,000 00
Note of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, dated August 1st, 1870, payable on 1st day of September, 1871, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum	300 00
Gross available assets	$36,999 03

The revenue for the fiscal year ending with the 16th of September, 1872, was as follows: From sales of supplies and from Representative tax, $41,832.30. From interest on U. States bonds, $942.75. From payment of promissory notes of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Texas, $522.36. Making the aggregate revenue of the year $43,297.41. Being $515.83 less than the revenue from the same sources for the preceding year. This comparison is indicative of the progress of the Order, for under a resolution of the last session ten per cent. discount was allowed on cash purchases of supplies. But for this reduction or discount the revenue of the year, which has just closed, would have materially exceeded that of its predecessor.

The expenditures for the year (including the sum of $126.20 paid for the $4000 U. States bonds of 1867 over and above the sum realized from the sale of the registered bonds of 1862) was $44,368.42. This shows an excess of expenditures over the revenue of $1071.01. This large increase of expenses was consequent upon the printing of a new edition of the Digest, and upon the large increased sum paid for printing the daily and revised Journal of the session of 1871.

The United States Government having in 1871 called in certain bonds of the issue of 1862, which included the registered bonds held by the Grand Lodge, I was instructed by a resolution of the Grand Lodge—page 5205 of the Journal—to present for redemption those bonds, which amounted to six thousand dollars, two thousand of which belonged to the Wildey Monument fund. Those issues I disposed of at 109; and in pursuance of instructions under the resolution aforesaid purchased six thousand dollars of U. States 5-20 coupon bonds of 1867, for which I paid 112.

The expenditures of the year having greatly exceeded the estimates, I did not deem it prudent to make any new investment in bonds. The cash balance now in the treasury is, in the main, of recent accumulation, and it is quite probable that the whole of it will be absorbed in the payment of the mileage and per diem account of the present session, and for printing the daily and the revised Journal. It is however reasonable to conclude that the disbursements for the year that will expire in September, 1873, will not be equal to those of the year which has just closed. But whether this prediction be or be not realized, I would respectfully recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized, at his discretion, to invest during the coming year, in U. States bonds or Baltimore city securities, such sum as the financial condition of the Grand Lodge may appear to warrant.

There has been standing to the credit of the Southern Relief Fund since July, 1871, the sum of $402.61. To close this account I respectfully suggest that it be passed to the credit of the Grand Lodge.

I have the honor also of presenting a report of the Wildey Monument Fund for the same fiscal year:

DR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ.

1871. Sept. 18.	To cash balance as per report of Grand Treasurer, page 5112, Journal of 1871	288 94
" Nov. 11.	To six months interest on $2,000 U. S. 5-20 registered bonds, due 1st November, 1871, at 111¼ in currency	66 75

1872. Jan'y 16.	Sale of above bonds to be redeemed under the order of the Treasury Department of the U. S. and resolution of the Grand Lodge, page 5205 of Journal, at 109 in currency	$2,180 00
" July 18.	Six months interest on $2,000 of U. S. 5-20 coupon bonds, due 1st July, 1872, at 14½ premium in currency	68 70
	Total	$2,604 39

CR. GRAND TREASURER, VIZ.

1871. Jan'y 16.	By cash paid McKim & Co., for $2,000 U. S. 5-20 coupon bonds of 1867, at 112 and commission, under resolution, page 5205 of Journal of 1871	2,243 10
1872. July 3.	J. F. Schwitzer, for one year's services as keeper of monument	50 00
		2,293 10
	Cash balance	311 29
	Total	$2,604 39

ASSETS OF WILDEY MONUMENT FUND, VIZ.

Cash balance as above	311 29
United States bonds, at par value	2,000 00
Total	$2,311 29

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Baltimore, September 17th, 1872.

On motion of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, that the Grand Lodge hold a secret session immediately after the election of officers this day—

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved to amend by inserting 7½ o'clock this evening, which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The Chair now proceeded, in accordance with the rule, to call the Standing Committees.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom were referred the M. W. Grand Sire's report, and also the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the various subjects therein contained and referred to, would respectfully report:

That so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to Australasia, the Order in Peru, in West Indies and in British Isles, be referred to a special committee of five, or the Committee on Foreign Relations, if such committee be created.

That so much as refers to dispensations for Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be committed to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the extension of the Order in Manitobe, Dominion of Canada, and in the Indian territory, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to foreign Grand Bodies, to visitations by the Grand Sire, both local and foreign; translation of the ritual into German, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That decisions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

That decisions numbered 6, 8, 10, 11, and the opinion relative to GEORGE LAIDLEY and the Grand Lodge of Michigan, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the inquiries and answers on page 5281 Journal, numbered 1 and 4, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That those on the same page, numbered 2, 3, 5, 6, and the one in reference to parliamentary usage, and also the reply to the inquiry from the Grand Master of Missouri, relative to the status of a suspended member upon the restoration of the Lodge charter, be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

That so much as relates to public installation at Yankton, the status of an officer under charges, and one ballot and one reconsideration, be committed to the Judiciary Committee.

That so much as pertains to the extent and character of jurisdiction of Grand Bodies to whom are transferred subordinates contiguous, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the improper use of the name and prestige of the Order be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

That so much as relates to the relation existing between this Grand Lodge and life insurance be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as refers to schools, asylums and libraries, history of Odd-Fellowship, archives of the Order, library of this Grand Lodge and stock of supplies be committed to a special committee of five.

That the subject of forms of public installation for Encampments and Rebekah Degree Lodges be referred to a special committee of five.

That so much as relates to supplies and printing be referred to a special committee of five.

That so much of the correspondence accompanying the Grand Sire's report as is not embraced in subjects already referred be submitted to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to the library of the Grand Lodge be referred to the same committee having charge of like subject from the Grand Sire's report.

That so much as relates to the report on general correspondence, and the documents and correspondence accompanying the Grand Secretary's report, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That reports from Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That so much as relates to finances be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to an Assistant Grand Secretary be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the security of the archives and supplies be referred to the same committee having charge of kindred subjects from the Grand Sire's report.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MEDOLE,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
W. H. THOMPSON,
ORLANDO McCRANEY,
LEWIS SILBER.

The call of States was now proceeded with in accordance with the rule, when—

Rep. HARMON, of California, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That, without further legislation by this Grand Lodge, it is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to enact a by-law restricting membership to persons not over a certain age.

Rep. HARMON, of California, offered the following, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That, without further legislation by this Grand Lodge, it is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to enact a by-law permitting members, at their option, to pay a fixed sum as dues, and thereafter be exempt from payment of dues.

Rep. HARMON, of California, offered the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1873, the terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be for the period of twelve months.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States has recently legislated very liberally and generously in the cases of members of the Order suspended for non-payment of dues, in giving to Subordinate Lodges permission to remit any portion of the accrued dues, and giving to such members the right, under certain circumstances, to demand and receive a dismissal certificate; and whereas there are many cases in which members have been suspended indefinitely, for some cause, which, perhaps, was only a temporary defect or blemish on their characters, and from which they have recovered or reformed, and who now stand high in the community, but whose accrued dues amount to a prohibition to the resumption of their membership; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Representatives of this R. W. Grand Lodge be requested to bring before the Grand Lodge of the United States, and urge the passage of a law in substance as follows, to wit:

"When a member has been suspended for cause, and the suspension has continued for a period of five years or longer, Subordinate Lodges (should they think the applicant worthy) may make such remission or arrangement of the accrued dues as they may think proper, to enable their reinstatement."

Rep. GOW, of Georgia, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to ascertain if it is lawful for a Grand Lodge to have a clause in its constitution, that when an applicant for membership by initiation receives less than three black balls, the application shall be referred back to the committee for further investigation, and a new ballot at some future meeting.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That when the resident membership of an Encampment has become so reduced as to cause a suspension of meetings, the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction, if satisfied that the interests of the Order will be thereby promoted, may, by special dispensation, authorize less than a quorum to receive and act on petitions, elect to membership, and confer the degrees upon duly qualified brothers; but such dispensation shall in no case be valid for more than ninety days from its date.

Rep. PIERCE, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall be allowed six cents per mile in coming to and going from this Grand Lodge, to be computed by the nearest travel route, and five dollars per day while in session.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, presented the appeal of P. G. FOXELL, of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1873, the Noble Grand of Subordinate Lodges shall be eligible to a re-election.

Rep. MCCARTY, of Kansas, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WILSON, of Louisiana, submitted the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WILSON, of Louisiana, offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be and are hereby granted the sole control and regulation of the meetings of their subordinates.

Resolved, That all laws in conflict with the above be and the same are hereby repealed.

Rep. VANDEGRIFF, of Louisiana, submitted the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and directed to deliver to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the original charter of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, which is now in the possession of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. RAND, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred, on his motion, to a special committee:

WHEREAS the wearing of a uniform style of dress, on occasions of street parades, by the Encampments of several jurisdictions, has proved a great success in securing membership, inspiring interest, and adding largely to the financial operations of this branch of our Order; therefore,

Resolved, That Encampments be permitted to wear such style of street uniforms, on parade, as may be sanctioned by the Grand Encampments of their respective jurisdictions.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

WHEREAS the Committee on Credentials report that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is in arrears for dues to this Grand Body, and whereas the books and reports of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary show that the accounts of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Mississippi are square, but it appears that the R. W. Grand Treasurer holds a note given by the former Grand Secretary of Mississippi, Bro. JOHN B. DICKS, now deceased, and that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is not aware of said indebtedness; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Mississippi be notified that unless said indebtedness is paid up within sixty days from this date, they will not be entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge.

Rep. PRICE, of Missouri, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and hereby is authorized to sell, in sets, copies of the steel plate engravings of the Past Grand Sires at twenty five per cent. advance on the cost price.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1870, and to be found on page 4834 of the Journal, in reference to meetings of subordinates, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the time and place of holding Lodge meetings be and the same is hereby left to the control and regulation of State Grand Bodies.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, presented the appeal of E. J. PECK, of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the special committee on that subject:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a form for public installation and public institution for Subordinate Encampments, to be used by the consent of the Grand Bodies of the different jurisdictions.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to report a resolution clearly defining the status of members of defunct Lodges, who were not petitioners for the restoration of charter after such defunct Lodge has been resuscitated, and how they may be restored to full membership.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to sending a suitable special commissioner to North Carolina, to co-operate with the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of that jurisdiction, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into the expedieney of so changing the law and usage as to enable State Grand Bodies, at their option, to open in the scarlet degree for the transaction of business.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish each Representative a copy of the revised Digest for use at the present session.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend by striking out "Representative" and inserting "Jurisdiction." The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, presented the petition of a number of Lodges of British Columbia for a Grand Lodge charter, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 200, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, presented a paper in the nature of an appeal, asking a review of the action of the Grand Lodge, at the last session, relating to the Orphans Asylum Fund of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the same committee.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the constitution be made the special order for Wednesday morning at 9½ o'clock.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, presented the appeal of JOHN W. PACE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. SILBER, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the memorial of Bro. V. BURRIS, of Miners' Lodge, No. 4, of the State of Wisconsin, to be found on page 5242 of the Journal of Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, be taken from the table and referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to inquire and report what legislation or action is necessary in the premises.

Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That State and Territorial Grand Lodges may cause the general business of Subordinate Lodges to be transacted while working in the scarlet degree.

Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the present visitors' card system be so modified that the card shall not be required to permit a brother visiting beyond the jurisdiction of his State Grand Lodge to gain entrance into any or all Lodges of this Order; provided he has the A. T. P. W. and can prove himself in the work of the Order.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXII OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE.—The regalia for a Past Grand, who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, shall be a scarlet collar, trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a half inches wide, with a roll of purple two inches wide, trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links. The above described regalia may be worn by a brother who has passed the chairs in a Lodge and in an Encampment in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or any Grand or Subordinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings, and the roll of purple velvet, with yellow metal trimmings.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE BY-LAWS.—Amend by striking out the whole article and inserting the following, viz:

ARTICLE XXVIII.—Section 1. There shall be appointed at each annual session, in addition to the other Standing Committees, a Committee on Printing Supplies, to consist of seven members, one from each of the jurisdictions of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer to be ex-officio members of the committee.

Section 2. The members of the committee shall hold their respective posi-

tions until the following annual session. The committee shall have power to sit during the recess, and shall report in detail at each annual session of the Grand Lodge. Vacancies that may occur in the committee shall be filled by the Grand Sire.

Section 3. The committee shall organize by the election of a chairman and a secretary, and shall hold a session immediately after the final adjournment of the Grand Lodge, and afterwards upon the call of the chairman, but not oftener than four times within twelve months. They shall be entitled to the same mileage and per diem for attendance at the meetings of the committee as may from time to time be allowed by law to Grand Representatives for attending the session of the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. The Committee on Printing Supplies shall have power and authority to contract for all the necessary printing of the Grand Lodge, and for the furnishing of all needed supplies for the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and for all materials and work which may be required in said office, in such manner and upon such terms as the committee shall deem for the best interests of the Grand Lodge.

Section 5. The committee shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and open such books of accounts and of printing supplies as shall show at any time the quantity of printing supplies on hand, and the amount ordered by the committee, and adopt such regulations in relation to the supply stock as they shall deem necessary.

Section 6. All bills for printing supplies, materials furnished, or for work done by authority of the committee, shall be audited and passed upon by the Committee on Printing Supplies, and unless thus approved, shall not be paid unless the Grand Lodge shall order otherwise.

Section 7. All provisions of law heretofore adopted that are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby declared to be repealed.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, presented a communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, on the subject of "trial," which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. GOW, of Georgia, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, submitted the following:

WHEREAS it is asserted in the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, that during the recess he issued a dispensation for the establishment of the Grand Encampment of Nebraska, and the same having been instituted; and whereas the said Grand Encampment having duly elected a Representative to this Grand Lodge, whose credentials are now in the possession of the Committee on Credentia s, which committee, as it claims under instructions from the Grand Sire, declines to report upon said credentials, because the Committee on Petitions has not yet reported upon the application for charter for said Grand Encampment; and whereas the Grand Encampment of Nebraska has a *de facto* existence, which it will retain until this Grand Lodge shall have otherwise decided; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials be instructed to report upon the credentials of the representative elect from the Grand Encampment of Nebraska.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, objected to the resolution, for the reason "that this R. W. Grand Lodge not having yet recognized such

a body as the Grand Encampment of Nebraska," the resolution of Bro. EARL is not in order.

The Chair ruled the point of order to be well taken.

On motion of Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business as it appears on the Journal, page 5449, as follows:

Resolved, That the resolutions known as Standing Resolutions, as they appear on page 5270 of the Journal of 1871, shall be and continue in force at this and subsequent sessions of this Grand Lodge until modified or rescinded, and shall be published as heretofore in the Journal—and that in the fifth resolution the first blank shall be filled with fifteen and the second with ten.

The question being on the resolution—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to amend by adding at the end of the resolution the words "except the second resolution," which was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution as it appears on page 5449, it was adopted.

The next resolution, as follows, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That in future publications of the revised Journal, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to omit what are called the Standing Resolutions, to be found on page 5270.

The next subject, being the resolution of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, was considered, amended, and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That there be added to the Standing Committees of this R. W. Grand Lodge, a "Committee on the Degree of Rebekah," to consist of seven members.

The next subject, being the resolution of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, was considered, amended, and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That there be added to the Standing Committees of this R. W. Grand Lodge, a "Committee on Foreign Relations," to consist of seven members.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of ROBERT PESTOU, appellant, *vs.* Borussia Lodge, No. 2, of Prussia, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, the Lodge now pro-

ceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by him, page 5449, of Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That the final adjournment of the present session of this Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby fixed for Wednesday, the 25th instant.

The question being on the resolution, on motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, it was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the question of the admission of the Grand Representatives of Mississippi, beg leave to report that, in their opinion, the Representatives from the jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives claiming to represent the jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi to this Grand Lodge, be declared the regular and legal Representatives to this Grand Lodge, and are entitled to participate in all its deliberations.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN W. CARTER,
THOMAS C. PORTER,
J. WARD ELLIS,
E. GOVER COX,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the rule requiring reports to lie over one day was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That upon the Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment of Texas giving his note to the Grand Lodge of the United States in behalf of the Grand Encampment of Texas, for the arrearages of dues, that the Committee on Credentials be instructed to report upon his credentials.

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree Lodges:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Rebekah Degree inquire and report relative to the expediency—

1. Of requiring Rebekah Degree Lodges to admit or reject applicants for membership under the regulations for the admission of members into Subordinate Lodges.
2. Of establishing the duration of membership in Rebekah Degree Lodges upon the same basis as membership in Subordinate Lodges.
3. Of committing the regulation of eligibility to office in Rebekah Degree Lodges to legislation of State Grand Lodges.

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, in view of the action of this R. W. Grand Body just taken in the matter, recommend that DAVID Y. PORTIS be acknowledged as a Representative from the Grand Encampment of Texas.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SMITH,
WILL. P. SHARP,
R. A. RANDLETT,
H. W. BAKER,
J. F. WILLIAMS.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved that the Lodge now proceed to consider the form of Funeral Ceremony, reported at last session, page 5250 Journal, which was agreed to. The report being under consideration—

On motion of Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, the further consideration of the subject was postponed.

On motion of Rep. MORSE, of California, all matters before the Grand Lodge, referring to the Germanic Mission, were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Bro. W. R. CREERY, M. W. Grand Master of Maryland, tendered to the Grand Representatives the cordial invitation of the brethren of Maryland to unite with them in a Grand Reunion at the Maryland Institute, in the city of Baltimore, on Wednesday evening, 18th instant, at 8 o'clock, which, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, was unanimously accepted.

The hour fixed by special order for recess, to wit, 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge was declared by the Grand Sire to be at recess accordingly for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when the Chair presented the following communication:

BALTIMORE, September 17th, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned fraternally invites the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States to visit Holliday Street Theatre on Wednesday evening, September 18th.

He also tenders the free use of the Grand Opera House any evening of the present week, if, in the wisdom of the Lodge, its use will be productive of usefulness to the Order and its great mission.

Fraternally, J. T. FORD.

On motion of Rep. EDWARDS, of West Virginia, the invitation was accepted.

The Chair presented the following communication:

BALTIMORE, September 16th, 1872.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

BROTHERS: I would respectfully invite your Grand Body to sit for a group in photography.

I have on former occasions made sittings of all the Representatives when the session was held in Baltimore for the years of 1865, 66 and 68, which, I believe, were satisfactory.

This year I propose to make the group larger, about double the size as of those years, and if the members subscribe sufficiently for copies to justify, I propose to donate the original to the R. W. Grand Lodge to hang in their hall.

If the invitation is accepted, I would suggest that members sit as early in the week as possible, as it is desirable to get a picture of every member to make the group complete. Very respectfully,

P. L. PERKINS, 205 and 207 Baltimore street.

On motion of Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, the invitation was accepted.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred an application from the requisite number of Encampments for a charter for a Grand Encampment, to be located at Lincoln, Nebraska, to be hailed as the "Grand Encampment of Nebraska," after an examination of the same have arrived at the conclusion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. They therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to the Grand Encampment of Nebraska.

W. C. EARL,
J. C. SMITH,
J. S. TICKNOR,
JOHN T. HARCOURT,
J. W. WHALLEY,
J. B. WHITAKER,
J. P. SANDERS.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have examined the certificate of ST. JOHN GOODRICH, P. G. R., from the Grand Encampment of Nebraska, and find it to be correct, with the exception of the seal being pasted on.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SMITH,
H. W. BAKER,
R. A. RANDLETT,
WILL. P. SHARP,
J. F. WILLIAMS.

The hour fixed by special order for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The following nomination was made for the office of M. W. Grand Sire:

By Rep. GAREY, of Md.....C. A. LOGAN, P. G. M., of Kansas.
Seconded by Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois.

The nominations having been closed, the Chair appointed Reps. PORTER, of Massachusetts, and ALEXANDER, of Illinois, as tellers.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and ten ballots had been polled, all of which had been cast for Bro. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, P. G. M., of Kansas—whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire announced that CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, P. G. M., of Kansas, was the unanimously elected M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.

The following nominations were made:

By Rep. WHITE, of N. Y.....JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. M., of Pa.
By Rep. LATHAM, of Va.....M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M., of Ky.
By Rep. PIERCE, of Ind.....ALEX. MCKINSTRY, P. G. M., of Ala.
By Rep. WILSON, of La.....JOHN W. CARTER, P. G. M., of Ohio.
By Rep. COHEN, of Ark.....J. WARD ELLIS, P. G. M., of Illinois.
By Rep. HAMILTON, of N. Y.....JNO. H. WHITE, P. G. M., of New York.
By Rep. HAVENNER, of D. of C.....THEO. A. ROSS, P. G. M., of N. J.
By Rep. EDWARDS, of W. Va.....ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M., of Iowa.
By Rep. DAMON, of Fla.....NATHAN PORTER, P. G. M., of Cal.

Reps. CARTER, ELLIS, LEECH, WHITE and PORTER respectively declined the nomination by leave of the Lodge.

The nominations being now closed, the tellers received the votes of the Representatives, and reported that one hundred and sixteen votes had been polled, of which number—

JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. M., of Pa., received	.....	53
ALEX. MCKINSTRY, P. G. M., of Ala. "	.....	13
ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M., of Iowa, "	.....	4
M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M., of Ky. "	.....	37
THEO. A. ROSS, P. G. M., of N. J. "	.....	9
Total	.....	116

And that no election had been held—whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey.

The tellers having again received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and eighteen ballots had been cast, of which number—

JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. M., of Pa., received	54
M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M., of Ky. "	58
ALEX. MCKINSTRY, P. G. M., of Ala. "	5
Total	116

And that no election had been held—whereupon the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that one hundred and eighteen ballots had been cast, of which number—

M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M., of Ky., received	62
JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. M., of Pa. "	53
ALEX. MCKINSTRY, P. G. M., of Ala. "	3
Total	118

Whereupon the Chair declared that M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M., of Kentucky, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. SIMPSON, of Pa.....JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Md.

The nominations having been closed, on motion of Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, it was ordered that Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge. Rep. SIMPSON accordingly cast the vote of the Grand Lodge.

The tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland, whereupon

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland, was unanimously chosen R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to the election of R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The following nomination was made:

By Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois.....JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, it was ordered

that Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, cast the vote of the Lodge. Rep. ELLIS accordingly cast the vote of the Grand Lodge.

The tellers reported that the whole vote had been cast for JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland, whereupon

The M. W. Grand Sire announced that JOSHUA VANSANT, P. G. M., of Maryland, was unanimously chosen R. W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. MORSE, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be assigned the duty of considering and preparing a system of dues and benefits for our Order, which shall be in harmony with the present perfected knowledge upon the subject of insurance and guarantees, and report the same to this R. W. Grand Lodge at its next annual session.

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, for the purpose of reporting a resolution changing the manner of balloting in the degrees.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he hereby is instructed to have prepared, for the use of this Grand Lodge, as many copies of the Digest as there are Representatives, and have printed on the first page of the cover the fact that it belongs to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also the number, commencing with one, and advancing in regular order, and that at each session these copies shall be furnished to the Representatives present.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, presented the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, asking that the laws be so amended that the business of Subordinate Lodges be transacted in the fifth degree, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, presented the petition of sundry colored citizens of Ohio, praying that the constitution be so altered that they may be admitted into membership in this Order.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the subject was laid on the table.

Rep. RAND, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to employ such additional clerical assistance, to aid him in the discharge of the duties of his office, as he may require, to an amount not exceeding $1000 per annum.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved that all notice of the petition presented by Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from sundry colored citizens of Ohio, asking that the constitution be so amended as to admit persons of color to membership in the Order, be excluded from the Journal.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, the resolution of Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, waid laid on the table.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, it was

Resolved, That fifteen extra copies of the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be furnished to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and that the same number of copies of the daily be furnished to the officers and members as were authorized to be distributed to representatives.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 18th, 1872—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair proceeded to call the committees in order, pursuant to the rule, when—

Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred certain portions of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, beg leave to report:

That they approve of the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 14, on pages 5279 and 5280 of the Journal.

That they approve of his answers to the inquiries numbered 2, 3, 5 and 6, on page 5282 of the Journal.

That they approve of his action as to the public installation at Yankton, Dakota.

And his action in reference to the improper use of the name and prestige of the Order.

They respectfully submit, that decisions Nos. 13 and 14, on page 5280 of the Journal, have been referred to your Judiciary Committee by inadvertence.

That No 13 should be referred to the Legislative Committee:

And No. 14, we are of opinion, is decided correctly, and should have been referred to the Committee on Appeals, if referred to any committee.

In reference to decision No. 4, we report, an application for membership may be withdrawn before the report of the committee thereon is presented, but not subsequently. If the report is recommitted to the committee, it is then too late to withdraw the name of the candidate. State Grand Lodges are perfectly competent to decide whether it is necessary to obtain permission of the Lodge to withdraw an application for membership prior to the report of the committee.

Your committee therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing report of the Judiciary Committee be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JOHN W. CARTER,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
M. J. DURHAM,
THOS. C. PORTER,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
E. GOVER COX.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the matter of Odd-Fellowship in Germany, report:

While we have fully considered the questions involved, the time since the adjournment yesterday has been too short to permit a lengthened statement of the reasons for the results reached; nor is it necessary. Since the establishment of the Order in Germany, it has become clear to all who have thought much on the subject, that its success there depends largely upon its independence of our control. We have planted the seed, but the tree must be nourished by German soil, and take on German habits or die out. Of this fact the elaborate reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and the Grand Sec-

retary afford convincing proof. It is practically impossible for us to control the Odd-Fellowship of countries not on this continent This institution, like all other great institutions, must become, as it were, indigenous in each separate nation, incorporated into its customs and modes of thought. While its general principles are universal and adapted to all civilized people, still it must have in each distinct nationality a growth peculiar to the people there.

Your committee, therefore, propose at once to erect Germany into an independent sovereignty, instead of frittering away our efforts and endangering the cause itself by limited and temporary grants of power. Let us now establish a principle upon which our relations to the Order in foreign countries can rest secure. Let us now give Germany a charter, the great feature of which shall be freedom in Odd-Fellowship. Let us dedicate all Germany as a temple of the Order, and then our German brothers can proclaim, in the language of our dedicatory service, Odd-Fellowship hath here a home.

We submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Germania Lodge, No. 1, Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, Templar Lodge, No. 4, Concordia Lodge, No. 5, Humboldt Lodge, No. 6, of Prussia; Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, Donan Lodge, No. 2, Schiller Lodge, No. 3, of Wurttemberg; Saxonia Lodge No. 1, of Saxony—Lodges now working under warrants from this Grand Lodge, constituting them a sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship under the name and title of the "Grand Lodge of the German Empire," to be located at Berlin, Prussia, to be independent of this Grand Lodge in all respects, excepting as follows:

1. The said "Grand Lodge of the German Empire" shall not at any time hereafter in anywise alter or repudiate any of the signs, tokens, passwords, lectures or charges, or any other portion or part of either the written or unwritten work of the Order as known and practiced within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

2. This Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to give said Grand Lodge of the German Empire the annual travelling password, to be used within the jurisdiction thereof, and to prescribe the form of card; and both jurisdictions shall use the same travelling password.

Resolved, That said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" shall have power to establish and grant charters to other Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and to other Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments within the German Empire, and *within such other Germanic European countries as may apply therefor;* and when such other Lodges or Encampments, Subordinate or Grand, shall be so established, they shall sustain the same relations to said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" as like Lodges and Encampments sustain to this Grand Lodge; and Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, at Berlin, Prussia, is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," if and when established.

Resolved, That a copy of the secret work and diagrams be delivered to said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," when instituted as hereinafter expressed.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire appoint some competent brother, residing in the German Empire, to institute said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," at Berlin, Prussia, or some other place in the German Empire, in proper form; and that a charter, in conformity herewith, be prepared by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and delivered to said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire."

JOHN B. HARMON,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
J. D. TRAPP,
JAMES TURNER,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

On motion of Rep. HARMON, of California, the rule was suspended, and the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolutions—

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be made the special order immediately after recess, which was agreed to.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom the matter of the dispensations to establish Lodges in Germany was referred, report the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, during recess, in granting warrants for the institution of Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, at Lychen, Prussia; of Templar Lodge, No. 4, at Berlin, Prussia; of Concordia Lodge, No. 5, at Berlin, Prussia; of Humboldt Lodge, No. 6, at Berlin, Prussia; of Donau Lodge, No. 2, at Ulm, Wurttemberg; of Schiller Lodge, No. 3, at Stuttgart, Wurttemberg; of Minerva Degree Lodge, No. 1, at Berlin, Prussia; of Einigkeit Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1, at Berlin Prussia, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

JOHN B. HARMON,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
J. D. TRAPP,
JAMES TURNER,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the petition of Abraham Edward Cohen, Hugh McClellan Boyd, Anders Schmidt, William Black Mathewson, and John Walter Saunders, for a charter to establish a Subordinaie Lodge, to be located at the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

Also, the petition of Thomas Hanlon, George Chamberlain, William Handy, George H. Jewett, Samuel Slaymaker, James Forbes, John Bowen, James D. Sadler, and Eugene Anchmody, for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at Fort Randall, Dakota Territory.

Also, the petition of W. L. Blackwell, Edward L. Purtle, T. E. Shultze, John T. Jeffers, and A. D. McPherson, for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at Bozeman, Gallatin county, Montana Territory.

Also, the petition of Edgar Berry, F. McKercher, C. B. Valentine, George S. Bellows, and Jared Runyan, for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at Vermillion, Clay county, Dakota Territory.

Also, the petition of Wm. Hayden, W. A. Perkins, S. Leebes, E. M. Barnum, L. Reggel, and H. A. Reed, for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at Salt Lake City, in the Territory of Utah.

Also, the petition of Zeno Hoyt, E. H. Wilson, Charles W. Miller, John G. Keith, Alexander Cromzer, Frank H. Borstaidt, Chas. M. Jeffers, Ed.

Zimmerman, W. H. Parker, Henry Bunker, George W. Fox, and Henry Frank, for a charter for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at Helena, Montana Territory.

Also, the petition of S. H. Nichols, C. A. Miller, R. F. Hopkins, L. Vananken, George Hatch, T. B. Wilson, and Henry Boyer, for a charter for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at Ashland, in the State of Nebraska; would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the prayers of the petitioners, and believe it right that they be granted.

We also find that in each of these cases dispensations have already been granted by the Most Worthy Grand Sire. We therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the granting of dispensations in the beforementioned cases, by the Most Worthy Grand Sire, be approved, and that charters be duly issued to the said Lodges and Encampments.

W. C. EARL,
J. W. WHALLEY,
J. B. WHITAKER,
J. B. SANDERS,
J. S. TICKNOR,
JOHN T. HARCOURT,
J. C. SMITH.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the resolution proposing "to allow Representatives six cents per mile in coming to and going from this Grand Lodge, and five dollars per day while in session," would respectfully report adversely to said resolution, and fraternally offer the following:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall be allowed *five cents* per mile in coming to and going from this Grand Lodge, to be computed by the nearest travel route, and six dollars per day while in session.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
JAMES E. HASELTINE,
C. HARVEY MEYER,
A. J. VANDEGRIFF,
SAMUEL D. DOLSON.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report that they have received the credentials of J. H. BAKER, P. C. P., who has been duly elected Representative from the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, and find them correct.

J. W. SMITH,
H. W. BAKER,
WILL. P. SHARP.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals,

made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the matter of the appeal of E. J. PECK, from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, this commmittee respectfully report, that the only papers presented to the committee are papers prepared *ex parte* by the appellant, and cannot, therefore, be properly considered. Wherefore the committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That said appeal be dismissed, but without prejudice to Brother PECK's taking future steps to bring his appeal before this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

NATHAN PORTER,
C. VANCE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
ROBERT LEBBY,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
H. D. McCARTY,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
E. WILKERSON,
WILLIAM MADDEN.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of M. J. REILLY against the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, respectfully report that they have not been placed in possession of the records of the Subordinate Lodge, the minutes and proceedings of which are the very gist of the matters of appeal, and they cannot, therefore, properly determine the matters in controversy, and recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed without prejudice to said REILLY, to perfect his appeal for the action of this Grand Lodge at this or the next session thereof.

NATHAN PORTER,
ROBERT LEBBY,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
H. D. McCARTY,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
C. VANCE,
E. WILKERSON,
WILLIAM MADDEN,
JOHN F. DRISCOL.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of JAMES M. PACE and J. P. PRESCOTT, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, report in said matter, that at the session of 1869 of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, a proposition was made to amend the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of that State, authorizing said Subordinate Lodges to admit "ministers of the Gospel" upon such terms in regard to pay as they might prescribe by their by-laws, which at the session of 1870 was laid over, on motion, and at the session of 1871 was adopted.

From this action of the Grand Lodge the appellants take this appeal upon the following grounds, to wit:

As the words "minister of the Gospel" can only refer to minister of the Christian religion, they are sectarian in their character; that it is sectarian and class legislation, and in violation of the laws, regulations and charges of the Order; that ministers of other religions would be disqualified from admission on the same terms, and hence it would be partial and discriminating in its operations.

This committee have examined carefully the objections made by the appellants and have arrived at the following conclusions:

First. That it is a subject exclusively within the jurisdiction of the local Grand Lodge, that if a "minister of the Gospel," or any one else is possessed of the qualifications required by this Grand Lodge, and the local Grand Lodge choose to make provision (not in contravention to the laws or requirements of this Grand Lodge) for their admission, they have a perfect right to do so.

The appellants say that the words "minister of the Gospel" can only be construed to refer to ministers of the Christian religion, consequently they are "sectarian" in their character and in violation of the laws, regulations and charges of the Order. This committee are not aware of any law, regulation or charge of the Order which would be violated by the adoption of this provision. While our charges admonish us that in our Order "affinity with systems of faith or sect" is studiously avoided, we are nowhere restricted in the right to admit (on such terms as the law may prescribe) any person properly qualified of any one of the sects whose votaries believe in a "Supreme Being," therefore the words, as used in the amendment appealed from, are not "sectarian" in their character as understood in Odd-Fellowship, and this committee have no doubt of the right of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to adopt said amendment. Having reached this conclusion, perhaps it is unnecessary for this committee to say—

Secondly. That in their opinion the term "ministers of the Gospel," as used in the amendment, ought to be considered as applying to all ministers who preach the word of God from the Holy Scriptures; and although the votaries of the Christian Church call certain books of the New Testament the books of the Gospel, that in Odd-Fellowship every preacher of God's Word would be such a "minister of the Gospel" as would entitle him to be admitted to the Order under said amendment.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge construes the term "*ministers of the Gospel*" as applying equally to all ministers who preach the word of God from the Holy Scriptures; and, that every minister, so preaching, would be entitled to admission into this Order, if duly elected, free of charge, under a provision in a subordinate constitution authorizing the admission of "ministers of the Gospel" *free of charge.*

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in said matter be sustained, and said appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

NATHAN PORTER,
C. VANCE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
ROBERT LEBBY,
E. WILKERSON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
H. D. McCARTY,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
WILLIAM MADDEN.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire upon the questions propounded by the Grand Master of Missouri, viz., "What is the status of members of a suspended subordinate for any cause (who, at the time of such suspension, were in good standing) upon the restoration of its charter and its resumption of work?" would report that they approve of said decision. But desiring to make the same more specific, would say, when the disabilities are removed for which a Subordinate Lodge is suspended, and said Lodge resumes the exercise of its various functions, the officers and members occupy the same status they did before the suspension. Section 1671 of Digest. But when a defunct Lodge has been resuscitated, on the application of only a part of its members, those members making the application only are restored at once, and the other members who were in good standing may resume membership upon such terms as the local laws of the jurisdiction may prescribe.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
M. J. DURHAM,
J. WARD ELLIS,
E. GOVER COX,
J. W. CARTER,
T. C. PORTER,
J. T. GIVEN,
B. FLETCHER, JR.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, that said committee be discharged from the consideration of the papers from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, relative to the Orphan Asylum Fund of Pennsylvania, asking for a review in the case of the appeal of PHILIP LOWRY, Jr., P. G., and others, decided at the last annual session, and that the same be referred to the Judiciary Committee, it was agreed to.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, as relates to the Grand Secretary's office, has been referred, beg leave to report:

That in the judgment of this committee the recommendations of the Grand Secretary should be approved by this Grand Lodge. The highest interest of the Order requires that the Grand Secretary should have such a force in his office as shall be sufficient for the prompt, accurate and efficient discharge of the important functions appertaining to his high office. Our laws impose arduous labors and weighty responsibilities upon him. The force in his office should be commensurate to the performance of the work incident to his office, and as he is held responsible for what is done, he should have the power to appoint and remove his subordinates. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint a subor-

dinate in his office, to be called the "Assistant of the Grand Secretary," who shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by that officer. The said assistant shall be removable at the pleasure of the Grand Secretary, and shall receive such compensation as shall be prescribed by law.

Resolved, That in addition to the said assistant, it shall be lawful for the Grand Secretary, from time to time, as he shall find it necessary to do so, to appoint and remove at his pleasure, such temporary assistants, clerical and other aid, as may be required for the satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office. Such additional force shall receive a compensation not to exceed a maximum to be prescribed by law.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS,
A. B. CRANE,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the special order, to wit: amendments pending to the constitution.

The first amendment, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XIV, Section 2, of the Constitution, by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

The question being on its adoption—

On motion of Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, indefinitely to postpone it, it was not agreed to.

The question again being on the adoption of the amendment—

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the previous question, when the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Alexander, Baker of Delaware, Baker of North Carolina, Barrows, Barber, Clark of Vermont, Cox, Darnel, Dean, Dodge, Driscol, Edwards, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Gales, (2 votes,) Garey, Given, Gow, (2 votes,) Haseltine, Latham, Lebby, Meyer, Milton, Moore, Nungesser, Olney, Rawlings, Robbe, Robinson, Sargent, Spear, Vance, Vandegriff, Whitten, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wilson—37.

Nays.—Reps. Carter, Clark of Minnesota, Cohen, Cory, Crane, Curry, Damon, DeWolf, Dolson, Dowden, Durham, Dyer, Earl, Ellis, Empie, Fairchild, Fletcher, (2 votes,) Fuhrmann, Gardiner, (2 votes,) Gibson, Goodrich, Hamilton, Harcourt, Harmon, Hickok, Hooper, Hubbard, Hudson, Jones, Kent, Lamberton, Leech, Lindenburg, Magers, McCarty, McCraney, McKinstry, McLaren, McLean, Madden, Matheson, Medole, Morse, Needles, Newell, Palmer, Phelps, Phillips, Pierce, Plimpton, Porter of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Portis, Price of Massachusetts, Price of Missouri, Rand, Randlett, Richardson, Ross, Ryan, Schwatka, Sharp, Shields, Sides, Silber, Simpson, Smith of Connecticut, Stokes, Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins, Trapp, Turner, Whalley, Whittaker, White of Nevada, White of New York, Whitney, Wilkerson, Woodward, Woodyatt—83.

The next amendment, as follows, was considered:

Amend Constitution, Article XIV, Section 3, by striking out the words "ten per cent. on their receipts," and inserting instead the words "a per capita tax of twenty cents per annum on the membership reported," so that the section will read: "Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, a per capita tax of twenty cents per annum on the membership reported."

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative, not three-fourths in favor. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Alexander, Cohen, Crane, Darnel, Dean, Durham, Empie, Fairchild, Fuhrmann, Gardner, (2 votes,) Goodrich, Harcourt, Harris, Hooper, Hubbard, Jones, Kent, Lamberton, Latham, (2 votes,) Leech Lindenberg, McCarty, McLaren, Madden, Matheson, Medole, Morse, Needles, (2 votes,) Nungesser, Palmer, Phillips, Plimpton, Porter of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Portis, Price of Massachusetts, Price of Missouri, Rand, Randlett, Richardson, Robbe, Robinson, Ross, Ryan, Shields, Sides, Silber, (2 votes,) Simpson, Smith of Connecticut, Stokes, (2 votes,) Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins, (2 votes,) Trapp, Whittaker, White of Nevada, White of New York, Whitney, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wilkerson, Wilson, Woodward—69.

Nays.—Reps. Baker of Delaware, Barrows, Carter, Clark of Minnesota, Cory, Cox, Curry, (2 votes,) Damon, DeWolf, Dolson, Driscol, (2 votes,) Dyer, Earl, Edwards, Foulk, Garey, Given, Gow, (2 votes,) Hamilton, Harmon, Haseltine, Lebby, (2 votes,) McCraney, McLean, (2 votes,) Milton, Moore, Newell, Olney, Phelps, Pierce, (2 votes,) Rawlings, Sargent, Schwatka, Sharp, Spear, Turner, Vance, Walley, Whitten—45.

The next amendment, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article IX, Section 1, by striking out the word "two," where it occurs in the third line, and inserting "four;" also, to strike out the word "annually" in the fourth line and insert "biennially," so that the terms of the Grand Representatives shall be four years instead of two.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment was considered, as follows:

Amend Section 4, Article XVI, (16) Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as follows:

Strike out the whole section and insert Section 4. "A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any jurisdiction or sovereignty shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another jurisdiction or sovereignty, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled. *Provided, however*, that members suspended or dropped for the non-payment of dues only may be admitted to membership in another jurisdiction or sovereignty upon such conditions and under such rules and regulations as this Grand Lodge may have prescribed, or may at any time adopt."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative unanimously. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Alexander, Baker of Delaware, Barrows, (2 votes,) Barber, Carter, Clark of Vermont, Cohen, Cory, Cox, Curry, (2 votes,) Damon, Darnel, Dean, DeWolf, Dolson, Driscol, (2 votes,) Durham, Dyer, Earl, Edwards, Ellis, Empie, Fairchild, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Fuhrmann, Gardiner, (2 votes,) Garey, Gibson, Given, Goodrich, Gow, (2 votes,) Hamilton, Harcourt, Harmon, Harris, Haseltine, Hickok, Hooper, Hubbard, Hudson, Jones, Kent, Lamberton, Latham, Lebby, (2 votes,) Leech, Lindenberg, McCarty, McCraney, McKinstry, McLaren, McLean, (2 votes,) Madden, Majors, Maris, Matheson, Medole, Moore, Morse, Needles, Newell, Nungesser, (2 votes,) Olney, Phelps, Phillips, Pierce, (2 votes,) Plimpton, Porter of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Portis, Price of Massachusetts, Price of Missouri, Rand, Randlett, Rawlings, Richardson, Robbe, Robinson, Ross, Ryan, (2 votes,) Sargent, Schwatka, Sharp, Shields, Sides, Silber, Simpson, Smith of Connecticut, Smith of Nevada, Spear, Stokes, Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins, Trapp, Turner, Vance, Whalley, Whittaker, White of Nevada, White of New York, Whitney, Whitten, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wilkerson, Williams, Woodward, Woodyatt—120.

The next amendment was considered as follows:

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as follows: Article I, Section 1, to strike out the words "of the United States" and insert "of America," so as to make the section read as follows:

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of America of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

Also, Article I, Section 2, to strike out the words "the United States of," so that the section shall read as follows:

SECTION 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of this Order; its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved indefinitely to postpone the amendment, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Alexander, Baker of North Carolina, Carter, Clark of Minnesota, Cohen, Cory, Dean, DeWolf, Dolson, Dowden, Ellis, Gales, Gibson, Given, Gow, (2 votes,) Harris, Hubbard, Kent, Lindenberg, McCarty, McLean, (2 votes,) Madden, Matheson, Medole, Needles, Phillips, Portis, Ryan, Sides, Silber, Ticknor, Tompkins, Turner, Whittaker, White of New York, Woodyatt—38.

Nays.—Reps. Baker of Delaware, Barrows, (2 votes,) Clark of Vermont, Cox, Crane, Curry, Damon, Darnel, Dodge, Driscol, Durham, Dyer, Earl, Edwards, Empie, Fairchild, Fitzhugh, Fletcher, (2 votes,) Foulk, Fuhrmann, Gardiner, (2 votes,) Garey, Goodrich, Hamilton, Harcourt, Harmon, Hickok, Hooper, Hudson, Jones, Lamberton, Latham, Lebby, Leech, McCraney, McKinstry, McLaren, Majors, Maris, Meyer, Moore, Morse, Newell, Nungesser, (2 votes,) Olney, Palmer, Phelps, Pierce, (2 votes,) Plimpton, Porter of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Price of Massachusetts, Price of Missouri, Rand, Randlett, Rawlings, Richardson, Robbe, Robinson, Ross, Sargent, Schwatka, Sharp, Shields, Simpson, Smith of Connecticut, Smith of Nevada, Spear, Stokes, Thompson, Trapp, Vance, Vandegriff, Whalley, White of Nevada, Whitney, Whitten, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wilkerson, Woodward—86.

The next amendment was considered, as follows:

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII. The Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Sires in attendance at each session of the Grand Lodge, except such officers as may receive fixed salaries, shall receive such rates of mileage and per diem as may be determined at each session, to be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the amendment was laid on the table.

The next amendment was considered, as follows:

Amend Article II of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unreclaimed charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

Amend Article VI of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose, keep the Journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports, and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Sire, its correspondence; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him officially shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine. He shall have authority to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, an Assistant, who shall perform such duties as the Grand Secretary or this Grand Lodge shall prescribe. He shall also have power, between the sessions of this Grand Lodge, for cause, to remove said Assistant from office until the next session of the Lodge after such removal. Said Assistant shall receive a compensation to be fixed by the Grand Lodge at each session, and be paid from its treasury.

Amend Sections 2 and 4, Article VIII, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. The Grand Marshal is charged with the convenience and comfort of the members, and shall employ a sufficient number of aids or pages for that purpose. He shall have power to make requisitions upon the Treasurer for the funds necessary to provide as well for this service as for the supplies requisite therefor.

SECTION 4. The Grand Messenger is charged with special service upon the Grand Sire during the sessions; shall see to his comfort, and that his desk is properly supplied with official books, papers, and documents; and shall perform such messages as the Grand Sire or Grand Secretary shall direct.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The Chair now proceeded to the call of jurisdictions for business in order, when—

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, as good standing in a Lodge is requisite to maintain membership in an Encampment,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the law as to disqualify a member from receiving benefits from his Encampment who shall be in arrears to his Lodge.

Rep. DAMON, of Florida, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, in some of the jurisdictions, subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge, a practice has grown up in case of the trial and acquittal of a member by his Lodge, an appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge, which is acted upon by the Grand Master during the recess of that body, that officer examining the evidence submitted, (which is seldom as full as that actually appearing before the Lodge on the trial,) and, in his own mind, having him, the Grand Master orders the Lodge to inflict *punishment*, thus in effect virtually trying the brother; therefore,

Resolved, That a brother cannot be punished by reprimand, suspension (save for non-payment of dues) or expulsion, except upon conviction by his Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, upon charges duly preferred.

Resolved, That when any three members of a Lodge may feel aggrieved at its action in its failure or refusal to convict a brother, they may prefer charges against the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to immediately forward to the Grand Lodge a copy of the charges filed against the Subordinate Lodge, together with a copy of the charges on which the trial in the subordinate was based, all of the evidence presented at the trial, and the action of the Lodge thereon, and at the next session of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible, the case shall be tried by the Grand Lodge, or a committee appointed by that body for the purpose.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be directed to make up the pay of the members of this Grand Lodge for seven days.

Rep. DAMON, of Florida, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "7" and inserting "6," which was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. HASELTINE, of Maine, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the Odd-Fellows' Library, of Portland, Maine, with one copy of the bound Journal.

On motion of Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. HASELTINE, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to furnish each Representative, not heretofore supplied, with one copy of the book of forms.

Rep. WILKERSON, of Missouri, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire into and report at what time a constitution of a State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment (or amendments thereto) takes effect, whether upon approval by this Grand Lodge, or upon being reported to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in session.

Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

The Representatives of Nevada were instructed by the Grand Lodge of Nevada to submit to this R. W. Grand Lodge the following question:

"A," member of Lodge "A," visits Lodge "B" at the next meeting after the installation of officers for a new term, but prior to the installation in Lodge "A," not having the S. A. P. W. for the new term, may or may not the N. G. admit him on the S. A. P. W. of the previous term, which still remains in force or good in Lodge "A?"

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

By Rep. EARL, of Ohio, seconded by Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; BARROWS, of Mississippi, and MILTON, of Missouri.

Amend Article XII of the constitution by adding the following:

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at one of the cities located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then they shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WALLEY, of Oregon, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, it is expedient that a suitable form of ceremonies and ritual be prepared for use in the Lodge room and in public on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the establishment of American Odd-Fellowship.

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to prepare a form as contemplated in the foregoing resolution.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

By Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Reps. FUHRMANN, of Minnesota, MARIS, of Delaware, and TURNER, of Ohio.

Amend Article IX of the Constitution by inserting after the second word "standing" in the second line of section 3, "and in the possession of the Grand Lodge Degree;" and also by inserting after the word "standing," in the fourth line of the same section, "a Past Chief Patriarch, and in the possession of the Grand Encampment Degree," which will make the section of said article, when amended, to read as follows:

SECTION 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing, and in the possession of the Grand Lodge Degree. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree; be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing; a Past Chief Patriarch, and in the possession of the Grand Encampment Degree; and he must reside in the State, district or territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located. No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the legislation of this R. W. Grand Lodge, while it effectually prohibits the misappropriation of the funds of the Subordinate Lodges, which may have been paid into the treasury to answer the call of the sick, to bury the dead, and to educate the orphan, yet permits State Grand Bodies, on the dissolution of said subordinates, to use said funds—denominated "trust funds,"—for purposes other than those for which they were created; therefore,

Resolved, That the respective State Grand Lodges be and they are hereby directed to keep separate and apart from the funds of the Grand Lodges, all funds received from such dissolved or suspended subordinates, and hold the same in *trust*, and to be applied only for the purposes for which said funds were originally created.

Rep. MORSE, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at the session of September, 1870, on page 4834 of the Journal, whereby Subordinate Lodges, Encampments and Degree Lodges are prohibited from meeting for work or business on Sundays, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the subject matter thereof be left to the several State Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the R. W. Grand Sire to consider and report to the next regular annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, some suitable form of funeral services for the use of Grand and Subordinate Encampments; also, a form of public installation for Subordinate Encampments.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be and are hereby granted the sole control of all halls and other properties owned or held by the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, within their respective jurisdictions, provided that they are not used for the purpose of conferring any of the degrees or ceremonies pertaining to Odd-Fellowship, not recognized by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the resolution known as the Sunday law, found on page 4834 of our proceedings, has no reference to any other organization occupying Odd-Fellows' Halls on the Sabbath day.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That each State and Territorial Jurisdiction shall be allowed to use such form of funeral ceremony, and adopt such form of prayers at the burial of brothers, as they may deem most appropriate.

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That from and after the date herein specified, the regular term of service of all officers of Subordinate Lodges shall be twelve months. In jurisdictions where the six months' term now begins in January and July, the new term shall commence and take effect on the first day of January, 1873. In jurisdictions where the local law provides that the six months'-term begins in April and October, the new term shall commence and take effect on the first day of April, 1873.

Resolved, That the qualification for office by previous service, as now required by general and local law, shall apply to the first election held for the new term, and for vacancies during the first year thereafter; but at all subsequent elections twelve months' service as Vice Grand shall be a necessary qualification for the office of Noble Grand, and the same period of service in some inferior office shall be a necessary qualification for the office of Vice Grand.

The hour fixed for recess, viz., 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when—

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the extent and character of the jurisdiction assumed by State Grand Bodies over subordinates, originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States and afterwards transferred to an adjoining State Grand Lodge, beg leave to report:

That the law on the subject indicated would seem to be fixed by the long usage of this body, which is clear in the premises, and more particularly by the resolution by which such independent jurisdictions were made part of and subordinate to near or adjoining State or Territorial Grand Lodges. They refer for an example, in the way of a precedent, to a report of this committee to be found on page 4345 of Journal, 1868, vol. 6.

They fully concur in the views of the Grand Sire and Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary in the premises, and recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS,
E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
GEO. DEAN,
H. B. CRANE.

On motion, the Lodge now resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Commmittee on Credentials report that they have received the credentials of JOSHUA MARIS, P. G. M., who has been duly elected Representative from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SMITH,
H. W. BAKER,
R. A. RANDLETT,
WILL. P. SHARP,
J. F. WILLIAMS.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the plate upon which visiting cards are printed changed, by striking out all after the words

"Odd-Fellows," in the two lines immediately preceding that commencing "in witness whereof," and insert the word "until."

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge, in 1866, (Journal 3967,) authorized the "proper official honors" to be conferred upon officers of Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of Southern New York, who had served only three months; and whereas, at the last session of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, that body changed the terms of office in Subordinate Lodges from their commencement in April and October, to July and January, to correspond with the change in the financial year of this body, thereby extending the terms of officers now occupying the chair of Noble Grand, to nine months' service in the office of Vice Grand,

Resolved, That all brothers who now occupy the position of Noble Grand in the several Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and who have served as Vice Grand in such Lodges from October, 1871, to July, 1872, are entitled to admission to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, at its annual session in November, 1872, as Past Grands, on the presentation of certificates from their Subordinate Lodges that they have served from October, 1871, to July, 1872, as Vice Grand, and have, from the first of July, to the first of November, 1872, served as Noble Grand; *provided*, that no brother who may be elected to fill a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand occurring between the first day of November and the thirty-first day of December, 1872, shall be entitled to the honors of such office.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, have carefully examined the same, and recommend its approval.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE.
H. C. FUHRMANN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, have carefully examined the same, and find that paragraph 19, Article IV, and paragraph 2, Article VII are in conflict with the existing laws of this Grand Lodge. In regard to the first, reference be had to clause 325, page 72, Digest Grand Lodge of the United States; in

regard to the second, attention is called to clause 317, page 79, and recommend that when the laws conform to the above clauses they are approved.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD.

Rep. DODGE, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution and By-Laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont, adopted at their August session, 1871, have examined the same, and respectfully present the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Vermont be approved.

H. E. DODGE,
HUGH LATHAM,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. C. FUHRMANN.

Rep. WHITTEN, of Maine, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Stuart Encampment, No. 2, of Pictou, N. S., having examined the same, respectfully present the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of Stuart Encampment, No. 10, be approved.

Fraternally submitted.

O. B. WHITTEN,
HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE.

Rep. WHITTEN, of Maine, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, and the

amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, have examined the same and respectfully present the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, as amended, of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, above referred to, be approved.

Fraternally submitted.

O. B. WHITTEN,
HUGH LATHAM,
J. M. PRICE,
H. E. DODGE,
SEATON GALES,
H. C. FUHRMANN.

Rep. FAIRCHILD, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Section 3, Article II, adopted May, 1872; also, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Article XI, adopted May, 1872, having carefully examined the same, respectfully offer the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, above referred to, be approved.

S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE,
SEATON GALES,
HUGH LATHAM,
O. B. WHITTEN,
J. M. PRICE,
H. C. FUHRMANN.

Rep. FAIRCHILD, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, adopted October, 1871—Section 4, Article I; also, Section 3, Article III; also, Section 1, Article XV—having carefully examined the same, respectfully present the following:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, above referred to, be approved.

S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE,
SEATON GALES,
HUGH LATHAM,
O. B. WHITTEN,
J. M. PRICE,
H. C. FUHRMANN.

Rep. FUHRMANN, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, of Prussia; the By-Laws of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia; the By-Laws of Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, of Prussia; the By-Laws of Templar Lodge, No. 4, of Prussia, beg leave to report, that they have examined the said Constitution and By-Laws, and find them to be in accordance to and with the laws, usages, rules and regulations of the Order, and recommend that the same be approved accordingly.

H. C. FUHRMANN,
HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE,
S. D. FAIRCHILD.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of ROBERT PESTOU, from the action of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Prussia, feel an unusual delicacy in dealing with this matter, for the reason that it is the first appeal from a Lodge in Europe, and it becomes highly important that in such matters as appeals, wherein the members on both sides of the question involved are sensitive beyond an ordinary degree, that conclusions shall be reached which shall not only be just, but which shall satisfy all interested of that fact.

In this case the appellant had proposed a name for membership in his Lodge. Other members spoke against the admission of the candidate, and he was rejected. Subsequently, the appellant, in a written communication to the Lodge, uttered expressions which gave offence to members of the Lodge, on account of which charges were brought against him.

At the time assigned for trial, the accused (the appellant) failed to appear, for which failure he was declared to be in contempt, and expelled therefor.

The committee find that although there was a degree of inaccuracy in the proceedings, which, under the circumstances, was excusable in the new Lodge, entirely inexperienced in the matter of trials in the Order, yet not so far inaccurate as to make it proper for this Grand Lodge to refer the matter back for further proceedings.

The charges against the accused, in the first place, lack sufficient *specifications*. They are as follows:

First. "Calumny against brothers," (we omit the names.) This should have specified in what the calumny consisted.

Second. "Contempt of the Lodge." (A specification should have explained in what the contempt consisted.)

Third. "Intentional misrepresentation of facts." (It should have specified what facts were alluded to.)

Fourth. "Conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow." (There was no specification as to *what* conduct was charged as unbecoming.)

Your committee are of the opinion that in this form the charges were not sufficient to put Brother PESTOU on his defence. It was his right to know specifically with what offence he was charged, to the end that he might prepare a specific defence. It is true that it was the duty of the accused, if he received a notice or summons to appear for trial, even on in-

sufficient charges, to have been present at the time and place; and to have made any objections which he might have had to the proceedings, and the objections herein named would have been sufficient; but the record of this case does not make it entirely clear that he received sufficient notice of the time and place of trial. The record is sufficient to cause a presumption in the minds of the committee that the accused was notified, but the record is not clear on that point. When a party is expelled for contempt, in not appearing for trial, the record should, by some positive evidence, show that a copy of the charges was served on the accused, as well as a sufficient notice of the time and place of trial, and a summons to the accused to be present. For these reasons your committee are of the opinion that the appeal should be sustained, leaving the persons alleged to be injured free to make other charges, and the Lodge to cause further trial if it shall be deemed proper. Whereupon the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of ROBERT PESTOU, from the action of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, of Prussia, be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

NATHAN PORTER,
C. VANCE,
E. WILKERSON,
J. F. DRISCOL,
H. D McCARTY,
ROBERT LEBBY,
WM. MADDEN.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following subject from the Grand Sire's report:

Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, Minnesota, issued to GEO. LAIDLEY a certificate representing that he was entitled to receive the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees. Subsequently, and prior to receiving the Grand Lodge Degree, Brother LAIDLEY withdrew his membership from Vermillion Lodge and deposited his card in Saginaw Lodge, No. 42, of Michigan, which card was properly authenticated, certifying that he was a Past Grand. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Brother LAIDLEY presented to that Grand Lodge a certificate from Saginaw Lodge, No. 42, stating that he had been elected to represent said Lodge in said Grand Lodge of Michigan: also, the certificate he had received from Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, addressed to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, authorizing him to receive the Grand Lodge Degree. The Grand Lodge of Michigan decided that the certificate from Vermillion Lodge was not sufficient evidence under the law to justify the Grand Lodge of Michigan in conferring said degree. The Grand Lodge gave consent to refer the question to the M. W. Grand Sire. The Grand Sire being present at the session, gave it as his opinion "that the certificate presented to the Grand Lodge of Michigan by Brother LAIDLEY, the duly authenticated representative to the said Grand Lodge from Saginaw Lodge, No. 42, setting forth that Brother LAIDLEY is entitled to the Past Grand Degrees, said certificate being under the seal of Vermillion, No. 8, belonging to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and attested by the officers of said Lodge, *is sufficient evidence under the general law* of the fact that said Brother LAIDLEY has passed the chairs in a Subordinate Lodge, and is entitled to receive the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degreess," respectfully report that in this opinion they do not concur. Had-

the Grand Sire included also the certificate of election to represent Saginaw Lodge, No. 42, in said Grand Lodge of Michigan, he would have been correct in the opinion given; otherwise the opinion may give color to authority for a Grand Lodge to confer the Grand Lodge Degree upon a member of another jurisdiction on presentation of a certificate from a Lodge subordinate to such other jurisdiction. The committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the certificate presented to the Grand Lodge of Michigan from Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, Minnesota, by GEO. LAIDLEY, was not sufficient evidence for that Grand Lodge to confer the Grand Lodge Degree on said GEO. LAIDLEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Michigan had sufficient evidence, however, in the certificate of representation issued by Saginaw Lodge, No. 42, taken in connection with the certificate for the Grand Lodge Degree issued by Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, to confer said degree and admit the brother to membership and a seat in said Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MEDOLE,
W. T. CURRY,
J. F. ALEXANDER,
L. K. BARBER,
JAMES PIERCE,
J. W. STOKES,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN F. MORSE,
JOHN F. HAVENNER.

Rep. MORSE, of California, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the subject of a translation of the Ritual into acceptable German text, would respectfully report:

That they have carefully read the correspondence upon the subject, since the last session, between the Most Worthy Grand Sire and Right Worthy Grand Secretary and distinguished German brothers.

From this correspondence and previous impressions, we are made painfully conscious of the disparaging and injurious form of translation now used, and of the urgent necessity for an immediate relief from this insidious reflection upon our intellect and culture.

Our German brothers of this jurisdiction, and those of Europe, are equally impatient to possess the Ritual in a form which will be in greater consonance with a common taste and scholarship. The right will undoubtedly be conceded to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which will enable them at once to procure a desirable translation; and it was intended at the last session of this Grand Body to secure a translation of the work in this jurisdiction, but unfortunately no provision was made for paying the talent necessary to the labor, and consequently the task was not performed.

There is nothing in the correspondence which assists your committee in estimating the probable cost of a critical translation of our Ritual, excepting in the letter of Rev. Bro. HEDDÆUS, who intimates that the work could be done *con amore*, but while your committee appreciate the charm which such zeal indicates, they cannot justify this Grand Lodge in accepting gratuitous labor which is so essentially professional and difficult, and so important to our literary reputation.

In our opinion such a translation cannot be procured for a less sum than one thousand dollars, and the question to be decided is purely a financial one.

Your committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the necessity for a retranslation of our Ritual into German text was conceded by this Grand Lodge at its last session, but failed from there being no provision made for meeting the expenses of such a work.

Resolved, That the same parties to whom this matter was referred last year be continued.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MORSE,
J. W. STOKES,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JNO. F. HAVENNER,
W. T. CURRY,
L. K. BARBER,
JAMES PIERCE,
J. F. ALEXANDER.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, numbered 6, 8, 10 and 11, page 5280, and the inquiries and answers on page 5281 Journal, numbered *one* and *four*, respectfully report:

That they recommend that decisions numbered 6, 10 and 11, page 5280, and also the answers to the inquiries numbered *one* and *four*, on page 5282 Journal, be affirmed.

That in reference to decision number 8, while the Grand Sire should be sustained and the decision also affirmed, for the reason that this Grand Lodge, at the session of 1871, S. J., refused to adopt a resolution excepting the appointed officers from the operation of the construction which had been given to section 1336 of the Digest, the committee are of the opinion that a far more liberal construction should be adopted, and that the rule hereafter making the possession of the Degree of Rebekah a qualification for office shall be confined to and operate only upon the elective officers, and offer the following:

Resolved, That a State Grand Body having accepted the Degree of Rebekah, and allowed it to be communicated to its subordinates, it is the duty of the elective officers only of the subordinates to be instructed in the work of the degree before installation into their respective chairs.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STOKES,
JOHN F. MORSE,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JAMES WOODYATT,
W. T. CURRY,
L. K. BARBER,
JAMES PIERCE,
J. F. ALEXANDER.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Schools, Asylums and Libraries, History of Odd-Fellowship, Archives of the Order, Library of the Grand Lodge and Stock of Supplies.—Reps. McKinstry, of Alabama; Garey, of Maryland; Porter, of Massachusetts; Lindenberg, of Ohio; Simpson, of Pennsylvania.

On Public Installation for Subordinate Encampments and Rebekah Degree Lodges.—Reps. Hamilton, of New York; Cox, of Maryland; Ellis, of Illinois; Given, of the District of Columbia; Ryan, of Wisconsin; Olney, of Rhode Island.

On Printing Supplies.—Reps. Ellis, of Illinois; Rawlings, of Maryland; Porter, of California; Latham, of Virginia; Nicholson, P. G. S., of Pennsylvania.

On the Subject of "Street Uniform" for Encampment Members.—Reps. Rand, of Massachusetts; Robinson, of Virginia; White, of New York; Harmon, of California; Sharp, of Iowa; Trapp, of Kentucky; Fletcher, of New Hampshire.

On the Degree of Rebekah.—Reps. Morse, of California; McLean, of the District of Columbia; Carter, of Ohio; Gardiner, of New Hampshire; Ross, of New Jersey; McCarty, of Kansas; Shields, of Alabama.

Committee on Foreign Relations.—Reps. Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Sanders, P. G. Sire, of New York; Woodyatt, of Ontario; Harmon, of California; Barrows, of Mississippi; Garey, of Maryland: Havenner, of the District of Columbia.

On the Resolution of Rep. Morse, of California, page 5473, *to prepare a system of Dues and Benefits.*—Reps. Harmon, of California; Nicholson, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania; Leech, of Iowa; Edwards, of W. Virginia; Dowden, of Kentucky.

On the Resolution of Rep. Smith, of Connecticut, on Changing the manner of Balloting in the Degrees.—Reps. Smith, of Connecticut; McLean, of the District of Columbia; Gibson, of Ontario; Hooper, of Arkansas; Crane, of New Jersey.

Committee called for by the Resolution of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania.—Reps. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania; Harmon, of California; Cox, of Maryland; Havenner, of the District of Columbia; Carter, of Ohio.

The hour having arrived fixed for adjournment, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 19th, 1872—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair proceeded to call the committees in order, pursuant to the rule, when—

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the papers presented by Bro. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, asking for a review of the action of this Grand Lodge, at its last session, relating to the Orphans' Asylum Fund of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report:

That this case, in the opinion of your Judiciary Committee, does not present a record that will admit of the extraordinary proceeding of setting aside and revising or reversing the deliberate and well-considered action of this Grand Lodge, had at a previous regular session, on an appeal.

That in this case, from a careful consideration of the matters laid before us and the arguments of the petitioners, we are of the opinion that if such power exists in this Grand Lodge, it is not expedient nor for the good of the Order that this appeal should be reviewed, opened, or reheard. And your committee present the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the papers in this case be returned to Bro. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, with directions to communicate the action of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
M. J. DURHAM,
J. WARD ELLIS,
E. GOVER COX,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
THOS. C. PORTER,
B. FLETCHER, JR.

Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committtee on Correspondence, to whom was referred so much of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's report as relates to the relation existing between this Grand Lodge and Life Insurance, have examined the same, and find that the only point involved in the matter under consideration is the use of the prestige of the name and emblems of the Order for private or corporate purposes, and that this matter has been referred to another committee. We, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. TRAPP,
JOHN B. HARMON,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
JAMES TURNER,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Correspondence having had under consideration so much of the report of the Most Worthy Grand Sire as relates to the extension of the Order into Manitobe, Dominion of Canada, and in the Indian Territory, have considered the same, and find that the matter is fully provided for by existing laws, empowering the Grand Sire to act in the premises, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. D. TRAPP,
JOHN B. HARMON,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
JAMES TURNER,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the revised constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, would respectfully report that:

Section 8, Article IV, providing that "no officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the trial of charges against him," is inconsistent with the law as laid down by this Grand Body at its session of 1871.

Section 4, Article VI, providing that "the Grand Lodge may be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree (or when deemed proper and expedient in the fifth or scarlet degree) for the transaction of business," is not in conformity with law, which, as it at present stands, only allows State Grand Lodges the privilege of opening in the scarlet degree during the installation of Grand Officers.

The committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all of the revised constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, except Section 8, Article IV, and Section 4, Article VI, is approved by this Grand Body. Respectfully submitted.

SEATON GALES,
HUGH LATHAM,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to Section 3, Article IV, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, have considered the same, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed amendment is hereby approved by this Grand Body. Respectfully submitted.

SEATON GALES,
HUGH LATHAM,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, respectfully recommend that the same be ratified by this Grand Body.

SEATON GALES,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
HUGH LATHAM,
J. M. PRICE,
H. E. DODGE.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred certain proposed amendments to Sections 2, 14 and 21, Article IV, and Sections 3 and 5, Article III, and Section 8, Article V, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That said amendments are hereby ratified.

Respectfully submitted.

SEATON GALES,
HUGH LATHAM,
O. B. WHITTEN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
J. M. PRICE,
H. E. DODGE.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following question, propounded by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, viz: A member of Lodge "A" visits Lodge "B," at the meeting after the installation of officers for a new term, but prior to the installation in Lodge "A," not having the S. A. P. W. for the new term, may or may not the Noble Grand admit him on the S. A. P. W. of the previous term, which still remains in force, or good in Lodge "A," would say that the member of Lodge "A" cannot be admitted unless he gives the new password used in Lodge "B."

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. DURHAM,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. WARD ELLIS,
E. GOVER COX,
J. W. CARTER,
T. C. PORTER,
J. T. GIVEN,
B. FLETCHER, JR.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with accompanying tabular statement:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith submit tabular statement of mileage and per diem which Officers and Representatives are entitled to receive, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the present session, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

M. S. DOWDEN,
JAS. E HASELTINE,
C. HARVEY MEYER,
A. J. VANDEGRIFF,
SAMUEL G. DOLSON.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

Names.	Profession.	Town or P. O.	State.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	Total.
Grand Officers.								
Fred. D. Stuart, M. W. G. Sire....	Hydrographer	Washington...	Dis. Columbia..	40	7	$ 4 00	$42 00	$ 46 00
C. A. Logan, R. W. D. G. Sire.....	Physician	Leavenworth..	Kansas.....	1240	7	124 00	42 00	166 00
Jas. L. Ridgely, R.W. G.C. & R. Sec..	Farmer	Baltimore	Maryland.....	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Joshua Vansant, R. W. G. Treas...	Mayor of Balto....	Baltimore	Maryland.....	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
J. W. Venable, R. W. G. Chaplain..	Clergyman	Versailles	Kentucky.....	704	7	70 40	42 00	112 40
S. W. Cayce, R. W. G. Marshal....	Merchant.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1176	7	117 60	42 00	159 60
Jas. Smith, R. W. G. Guardian.....	Restaurant Keeper..	London.....	Ontario.....	552	7	55 20	42 00	97 20
Jno. E. Chamberlain, R.W. G. Mess.	Mess. to G. L. U. S..	Baltimore	Maryland.....	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Representatives.								
Alexander, J. F.....	Lawyer.....	Greenville	Illinois	880	7	88 00	42 00	130 00
Baker, H. W.....	Merchant	Seaford.....	Delaware	160	7	16 00	42 00	58 00
Baker, J. H.....	Physician	Tarboro	N. Carolina....	330	7	33 00	42 00	75 00
Barber, L. K.....	Lawyer.....	Woodville	Mississippi	1262	7	126 20	42 00	168 20
Barrows, D. N.....	Lawyer.....	Jackson	Mississippi	1133	7	113 30	42 00	155 30
Beharrell, T. G.....	Clergyman	Princeton	Indiana	805	7	80 50	42 00	122 50
Carter, Jno. W.....	Magistrate	Cincinnati.....	Ohio	588	7	58 80	42 00	100 80
Clark, P. B.....	Merchant	Minneapolis...	Minnesota.....	1293	7	129 30	42 00	171 30
Clark, Henry.....	Editor	Rutland	Vermont.....	426	7	42 60	42 00	84 60
Cohen, Albert.....	Watch Maker	Little Rock....	Arkansas	1207	7	120 70	42 00	162 70

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Cory, C. R.	Lawyer	Brookville	Indiana	633	7	$63 30	$42 00	$105 30
Cox, E. G.	Physician	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Crane, A. B.	Mechanic	Newark	New Jersey	177	7	17 70	42 00	59 70
Curry, W. T.	State Insurance Agt	Harrodsburg	Kentucky	723	7	72 30	42 00	114 30
Damon, George	Merchant	Tallahassee	Florida	1070	7	107 00	42 00	149 00
Darnel, Peter	Millwright	West Columbia	West Virginia	450	7	45 00	42 00	87 00
Dean, George	Blacksmith	Detroit	Michigan	659	7	65 90	42 00	107 90
DeWolf, W. H	Lawyer	Vincennes	Indiana	781	7	78 10	42 00	120 10
Dodge, H. E.	Dyer	Providence	Rhode Island	374	7	37 40	42 00	79 40
Dolson, S. G	Builder	St. Catharines	Ontario	444	7	44 40	42 00	86 40
Dowden, M. S.	Financial Agent	Lexington	Kentucky	688	7	68 80	42 00	110 80
Driscol, Jno. F.	Grand Secretary	Providence	Rhode Island	374	7	37 40	42 00	79 40
Durham, M. J.	Lawyer	Danville	Kentucky	725	7	72 50	42 00	114 50
Dyer, H. R	Merchant	Rutland	Vermont	426	7	42 60	42 00	84 60
Earl, W. C.	Grand Secretary	Toledo	Ohio	621	7	62 10	42 00	104 10
Edwards, George	Merchant	Moundsville	West Virginia	368	7	36 80	42 00	78 80
Ellis, J. Ward	Dentist	Chicago	Illinois	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
Empie, Levi	Merchant	Burlingame	Kansas	1310	7	131 00	42 00	173 00
Fairchild, S. D.	Carriage Maker	New Haven	Connecticut	262	7	26 20	42 00	68 20
Fitzhugh, E. H.	Lawyer	Richmond	Virginia	170	7	17 00	42 00	59 00

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
Fletcher, Benjamin	Iron Worker	Nashua	New Hamps'e..	426	7	$42 69	$42 00	$84 60
Foulk, W. H	Builder	Wilmington	Delaware	70	7	7 00	42 00	49 00
Fuhrmann, H. C	Manufacturer	Winona	Minnesota	1190	7	119 00	42 00	161 00
Gales, Seaton	Secretary Ins. Co.	Raleigh	North Carolina	354	7	35 40	42 00	77 40
Gardiner, Jos. H	Painter	Portsmouth	New Hamps'e..	474	7	47 40	42 00	89 40
Garey, H. F	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Gibson, John	Baker	Stratford	Ontario	533	7	53 30	42 00	95 30
Given, John T	Merchant	Washington	D. of Columbia.	40	7	4 00	42 00	46 00
Glenn, L. J	Lawyer	Atlanta	Georgia	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Goodrich, S. J	Merchant	Omaha	Nebraska	1296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
Gow, James L	Printer	Augusta	Georgia	639	7	63 90	42 00	105 90
Hamilton, E. J	Merchant	New York	New York	186	7	18 60	42 00	60 60
Harcourt, John T	Lawyer	Houston	Texas	1766	7	176 60	42 00	218 60
Harmon, John B	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	3149	7	314 90	42 00	356 90
Harris, Israel	Cashier	Belvidere	New Jersey	193	7	19 30	42 00	61 30
Hartshorn, James F	Shoe Cutter	Portsmouth	New Hamps'e..	474	7	47 40	42 00	89 40
Haseltine, James E	Iron Merchant	Portland	Maine	531	7	53 10	42 00	95 10
Havenner, John F	Baker	Washington	D. of Columbia	40	7	4 00	42 00	46 00
Hickok, C. N	Dentist	Bedford	Pennsylvania	235	7	23 50	42 00	65 50
Hooper, P. O	Physician	Little Rock	Arkansas	1207	7	120 70	42 00	162 70

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Hubbard, H. F.	Manufacturer.	Manitowac.	Wisconsin.	1056	7	$105 60	$42 00	$147 60
Hudson, Jno. W	Manufacturer	Madison	Wisconsin.	935	7	93 50	42 00	135 50
Jones, A. D.	Real Estate Dealer.	Omaha.	Nebraska.	1296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
Kent, O. O.	Lawyer	Denver	Colorado	1917	7	191 70	42 00	233 70
Lamberton, R. A.	Lawyer	Harrisburg.	Pennsylvania.	85	7	8 50	42 00	50 50
Latham, Hugh.	Mayor	Alexandria.	Virginia	47	7	4 70	42 00	46 70
Lebby, Robt.	Physician	Charleston.	South Carolina	627	7	62 70	42 00	104 70
Leech, Erie J	Lawyer	Keokuk.	Iowa.	1052	7	105 20	42 00	147 20
Lindenberg, Henry	Editor.	Columbus.	Ohio.	468	7	46 80	42 00	88 80
McCarty, H. D.	State Superintend't.	Topeka.	Kansas	1284	7	128 40	42 00	170 40
McCraney, Orlando	Land Dealer	McGrager	Iowa.	1024	7	102 40	42 00	144 40
McKinstry, Alex.	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama.	1176	7	117 60	42 00	159 60
McLaren, Danl.	Notary Public	San Francisco.	California	3149	7	314 90	42 00	356 90
McLean, W. R.	Printer	Washington.	Dist. Columbia	40	7	4 00	42 00	46 00
Madden William.	Undertaker.	Troy	New York.	336	7	33 60	42 00	75 60
Magers, Louis.	Shoemaker.	Nebraska City.	Nebraska	1253	7	125 30	42 00	167 30
Maris, Joshua.	Lawyer	Wilmington.	Delaware	70	5	7 00	30 00	37 00
Matheson, John	Merchant	Stellarton.	Low. Provinces	1070	7	107 00	42 00	149 00
Medole, John.	Printer	New York.	New York.	186	7	18 60	42 00	60 60
Meyer, C. Laney	Physician	Charleston.	South Carolina	627	7	62 70	42 00	104 70

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Milton, Jno. L.	Dentist	Grenada	Mississippi	1154	7	$115 40	42 00	157 40
Moore, W. W.	Merchant	Des Momes	Iowa	1184	7	118 40	42 00	160 40
Morse, Jno. F.	Physician	San Francisco	California	3149	7	314 90	42 00	356 90
Needles, T. B.	Clerk of Court	Nashville	Illinois	977	7	97 70	42 00	139 70
Newell, Chas. A.	Real Estate Broker.	Middletown	Connecticut	285	7	28 50	42 00	70 50
Nungesser, Geo.	Restaurant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	7	131 60	42 00	173 60
Olney, Geo. H.	Insurance Agent	Hope Valley	Rhode Island	348	7	34 80	42 00	76 80
Palmer, D. G.	Carriage Maker	Jackson	Michigan	719	7	71 90	42 00	113 90
Phelps, Alfred W.	U. S. Mail Agent	New Haven	Connecticut	262	7	26 20	42 00	68 20
Phillips, T. T.	Builder	Nashville	Tennessee	881	7	88 10	42 00	130 10
Pierce, James.	Manufacturer	New Albany	Indiana	709	7	70 90	42 00	112 90
Plimpton, A. B.	Builder	Lowell	Massachusetts	446	7	44 60	42 00	86 60
Porter, Nathan	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	3149	7	314 90	42 00	356 90
Porter, Thos. C.	Merchant	Boston	Massachusetts	420	7	42 00	42 00	84 00
Portis, David Y.	Lawyer	San Antonia.	Texas	2014	7	201 40	42 00	243 40
Price, Jas. M.	Merchant	E. Cambridge	Massachusetts	420	7	42 00	42 00	84 00
Price, Jas. A.	Dentist	Weston	Missouri	1247	7	124 70	42 00	166 70
Rand, Caleb.	Printer	Charleston	Massachusetts	420	7	42 00	42 00	84 00
Randlett, R. A.	Farmer	Topeka	Kansas	1284	7	128 40	42 00	170 40
Rawlings, C. H.	Book Binder	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00

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Richardson, Willard	Editor	Galveston	Texas	1716	7	$171 60	$42 00	$213 60
Robbe, C. A	Contractor	Augusta	Georgia	639	7	63 90	42 00	105 90
Robinson, Jacob H	Receiver of Taxes	Lynchburg	Virginia	218	7	21 80	42 00	63 80
Ross, Theo. A	Book Keeper	Newark	New Jersey	177	7	17 70	42 00	59 70
Ryan, Samuel	Editor	Appleton	Wisconsin	1014	7	101 40	42 00	143 40
Sargent, J. W	Carriage Maker	Kennebank	Maine	508	7	50 80	42 00	92 80
Schwatka, F. G	Cooper	Salem	Oregon	3927	7	392 70	42 00	434 70
Sharp, Will P	Mercantile Agent	Ottumwa	Iowa	1127	7	112 70	42 00	154 70
Shields, Will A	Printer	Mobile	Alabama	1176	7	117 60	42 00	159 60
Sides, Isaac	Physician	Colon	Michigan	864	7	86 40	42 00	128 40
Silber, Lewis	Merchant	Maupun	Wisconsin	950	7	95 00	42 00	137 00
Simpson, J. Alexander	Lawyer	West Phila	Pennsylvania	103	7	10 30	42 00	52 30
Smart, O. P	Manufacturer	Nashua	New Hamps'e	426	7	42 60	42 00	84 60
Smith, J. W	Fire Ins. Agent	Waterbury	Connecticut	277	7	27 70	42 00	69 70
Smith, J. C	Blacksmith	Virginia City	Nevada	2932	7	293 20	42 00	335 20
Spear, A. L	Jeweler	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Stokes, John W	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	101	7	10 10	42 00	52 10
Thompson, W. H	Pres. Lead & Oil Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	931	7	93 10	42 00	135 10
Ticknor, James L	Express Sup't	Rockford	Illinois	893	7	89 30	42 00	131 30
Tompkins, John R	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama	1176	7	117 60	42 00	159 60

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Names.	Profession.	Town or P. O.	State.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	Total.
Trapp, Jos. D.	Publisher	Lexington	Kentucky	688	7	$68 80	$42 00	$110 80
Turner, James	Citizen	Dayton	Ohio	539	7	53 90	42 00	95 90
Vance, Cyrus	Merchant	Clarksburg	West Virginia.	301	7	30 10	42 00	72 10
Vandegriff, A. J	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	7	131 60	42 00	173 60
Whalley, J. W	Lawyer	Portland	Oregon	3879	7	387 90	42 00	429 90
Whittaker, D. B.	Merchant	Bridgeton	New Jersey	136	7	13 60	42 00	55 60
White, Martin	Lawyer	Virginia City	Nevada	2929	7	292 90	42 00	334 90
White, John H	Lawyer	Albion	New York	474	7	47 40	42 00	89 40
Whitney, E. H	Merchant	Lansing	Michigan	746	7	74 60	42 00	116 60
Whitten, O. B	Merchant	Portland	Maine	531	7	53 10	42 00	95 10
Wilcox, M. E	Farmer	St. Bethlehem	Tennessee	872	7	87 20	42 00	129 20
Wilkerson, E	President Ins. Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	931	7	93 10	42 00	135 10
Williams, J. Fletcher	Librarian	St. Paul	Minnesota	1282	7	128 20	42 00	170 20
Wilson, W. C	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	7	131 60	42 00	173 60
Woodward, W. H.	Printer	St. Louis	Missouri	931	7	93 10	42 00	135 10
Woodyatt, Jas	Town Clerk	Brantford	Ontario	500	7	50 00	42 00	92 00
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On motion, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

The Chair now called the jurisdictions in order, when—

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the remainder of the present session, this Grand Lodge will meet at 9 o'clock A. M., take a recess of one hour, from one to two P. M., and adjourn at six P. M.

Rep. PIERCE, of Indiana, moved to amend by striking out "6" and inserting "5."

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That representatives who have eulogies to pronounce upon deceased brothers, be permitted to prepare them in writing and lay them on the Secretary's desk, and that they shall be printed with the Journal.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That announcements of the deaths of Past Grand Representatives may be laid upon the table at any time during the session, and the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary have them all collected and recorded together in the revised Journal of this body.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Appeals, on page 5479 Journal, (M. J. REILLY against the Grand Lodge of New Jersey,) be recommitted, with instructions to report on the statements of facts presented in the printed appeal, whether the said REILLY is or is not entitled to a withdrawal card from Lawrence Lodge, No. 62.

Rep. OLNEY, of Rhode Island, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, A. D. 1873, the term of officers of Subordinate Encampments shall be for the period of twelve months.

Resolved, That the qualifications for office by previous service, as now required by the laws of the Order, shall apply to the first election held for the new term, and for all vacancies during the same; and thereafter, twelve months' service in some elective office shall be a necessary qualification for the offices of High Priest and Chief Patriarch.

Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

The Grand Lodge of Texas, at its last annual communication, passed a resolution directing its representatives to present the following inquiry to this R. W. Grand Lodge, viz.

"Is the retiring Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, at the December term, eligible to the office of representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge?"

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That on and after July 1st, 1873, the business of Subordinate Lodges be transacted in the scarlet degree.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

At the last annual session of this Grand Lodge the following resolution was passed, touching Rebekah Degree Lodges:

"*Resolved*, That the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah be and they are hereby authorized to ballot on all applications for membership in such Lodges, and that a majority vote of all the members present and voting shall be necessary for an election, except in such jurisdictions as may otherwise provide."

The constitution of the Rebekah Degree Lodges of Nevada, in force at the time of the passage of said resolution (above quoted) by this Grand Lodge, contained the following provisions:

"Article 5—Any brother or sister within the district designated in the charter, may become a member by signing the constitution and paying the dues provided by the by-laws."

The Grand Lodge of Nevada held that the said resolution made null and void so much of said section 5th of the said constitution as was inconsistent therewith, and the appellant appeals from that decision on the ground that the language of said resolution of this Grand Lodge and the words at the end thereof, to wit: "except in such jurisdictions as may otherwise provide," refers to laws which had otherwise provided before the time of the passage of said resolution, and therefore applies to said section fifth of the constitution of Subordinate Rebekah Degree Lodges of Nevada.

Your committee are of the opinion that the resolution of this Grand Lodge did in fact amend every provision in subordinate constitutions inconsistent therewith, and that the Grand Lodge of Nevada was correct in so deciding; wherefore,

Resolved, That said appeal be dismissed.

NATHAN PORTER,
H. D. McCARTY,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
ROBERT LEBBY,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
E. WILKERSON,
WILLIAM MADDEN.
C. VANCE.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, have carefully considered the same, and find it correct; we therefore recommend its approval.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
SEATON GALES,
O. B. WHITTEN,
J. M. PRICE,
H. E. DODGE.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, have considered said amendments and cheerfully endorse them and recommend their approval.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
SEATON GALES.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, have considered the same and find it correct. We, therefore, recommend its approval.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM.
O. B WHITTEN,
J. M. PRICE,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE,
SEATON GALES,
H. C. FUHRMANN.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, will report that the amendments are not inconsistent with the present laws. Your committee recommend the approval of the proposed amendments.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee report that they have carefully examined in detail the books, vouchers and accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year just closed, and take great pleasure in saying they have found them entirely correct.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
W. C. WILSON,
D. McLAREN,
W. W. MOORE,
J. H. ROBINSON,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAS. HARRIS,
LEVI EMPIE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, submitted to this body by Rep. HAVENNER, of that jurisdiction, in substance as follows, viz:

"When a member has been suspended for cause, and the suspension has continued for a period of five years or longer, Subordinate Lodges (should they think the applicant worthy) may make such remission or arrangement of the accrued dues as they may think proper, to enable their reinstatement," have considered the subject, and do not feel at liberty to present the resolution asked for in the manner indicated, as it would take too much the character of special legislation; but, on consultation with the Representative who submitted the proposition, have concluded to ask for such action by this body as shall cover the class of cases indicated, in any form in which it may be presented.

The matter of dues and benefits has always been left to local law, and the cases indicated should not be an exception; they, therefore, report the following:

Resolved, That in cases in which a Subordinate Lodge has suspended a member for cause other than non-payment of dues, the Lodge may commute

or remit such portion of his accumulated dues (if unpaid) as it may determine upon the reinstatement of such brother, such matters being properly the subject of local legislation.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
GEO. DEAN,
A. B. CRANE,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. EARL, of Ohio, to wit: "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the plate upon which visiting cards are printed changed, by striking out all after the words 'of Odd-Fellows,' in the two lines immediately preceding that commencing 'in witness whereof,' and insert the word 'until,'" beg leave to report that they deem it inexpedient to make any change in the present text of visiting cards, and they, therefore, ask the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted.

A. B. CRANE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
GEO. DEAN,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS,
E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. HARMON, of California, and Reps. DODGE and DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, making the terms of Subordinate Lodges a period of twelve months, have fully considered the subject, and have discovered no sufficient reason for the change indicated. They therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
GEO. DEAN,
A. B. CRANE,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom has been referred the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, in relation to the status of members of defunct Lodges who were not petitioners for the restoration of the charter after such defunct Lodge had been resuscitated, and how they may be restored to full membership, beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of this committee existing legislation sufficiently defines the status of members of defunct Lodges, (see Digest, section 430,) declares what authority in the Order has power to grant the appropriate remedy, (see Digest, sections 418, 419,) and establishes the mode of restoration to membership in the Order, (see Digest, section 420.)

The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
GEO. DEAN,
D. N. BARROWS,
A. B. CRANE,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative TICKNOR, of Illinois, "that when a resident membership of an Encampment has become so reduced as to cause a suspension of meeting, the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction, if satisfied that the interests of the Order will be thereby promoted, may, by special dispensation, authorize less than a quorum to receive and act on petitions, elect to membership, and confer the degrees upon duly qualified brothers; but such dispensation shall in no case be valid for more than ninety days from its date," would respectfully report that they have considered the subject, and find that it would be inexpedient to recommend the same, as it would be in direct opposition to the well known laws of our Order, and your committee had no evidence before them that it was necessary or conducive to the interests of this branch of our Order to recommend any change; they would, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. J. HAMILTON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
A. B. CRANE,
GEO. DEAN,
D. N BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution offered by Representative GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, as follows:

WHEREAS, a good standing in a Lodge is requisite to maintain membership in an Encampment,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby requested to inquire into the expedieney of amending the law so as to disqualify a member for receiving benefits from his Encampment, who shall be in arrears to his Lodge, beg leave to report that the law existing on this subject seems to be amply sufficient for every purpose; they, therefore, deem any legislation inexpedient and unnecessary, and therefore ask the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
A. B. CRANE,
GEO. DEAN,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON,
E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution submitted by Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, on the subject of the proper disposition to be made of the money and property surrendered to State Grand Bodies by defunct Lodges and Encampments, beg leave to report:

That such money and property have been pronounced "Trust Funds," and as such can only be disposed off "for the legitimate objects of the Order." The resolution submitted for our action seems to go further, and proposes that such assets should be specifically applied only to the purposes for which they were originally created. By this we understand that it is proposed to have the Grand Body possessed of the assets of a defunct subordinate, to administer upon its estate by the performance of its duties in relieving its widows, educating its orphans, &c. This we are not willing to impose upon such bodies without their consent. The law on the subject, now in force—see (1864) Journal, 3664, 3697—requires such funds to be used to assist working Lodges and Encampments when "in need of funds to sustain them in their organization." This disposition of those assets seems to us to have been too limited; we, therefore, propose the following:

Resolved, That the funds and property of defunct Lodges and Encampments may, at the option of the body holding the same, be used for the purpose of assisting working Lodges and Encampments, when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization, or they may be applied for the assistance of the widows and orphans of such defunct bodies, or to any relief fund which may exist in such Grand Jurisdiction, provided, that where a fund is held on a specific trust, and such subordinate becomes defunct,

the Grand Body shall see that such trust is duly executed and the trust fund applied to the purposes for which the fund was created.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
D. N. BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
GEO. DEAN,
A. B. CRANE.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, relating to the time when a constitution or amendment thereto of a State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment takes effect, respectfully report:

That the legislation of this Grand Lodge leaves no doubt or question upon this subject. "Constitutions of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and all amendments thereto, must be submitted to this body for examination; if approved, they, of course, become the organic law." (Digest, 2d ed., 50.) Amendments are not binding until approved by this Grand Lodge. (Digest, 54, 62.)

It is clear that immediately upon approval, the constitution or amendment so approved becomes in full force, and does not depend for validity upon any further action whatever.

Respectfully submitted.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
M. J. DURHAM,
JOHN W. CARTER,
THOMAS C. PORTER,
J. WARD ELLIS,
E. GOVER COX,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.

Rep. PRICE, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of Lima Lodge, No. 1, at Lima, Peru, have examined the same, and find it correct, and would respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the constitution of Lima Lodge, No. 1, at Lima, Peru, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. PRICE,
HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD.

Rep. PRICE, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, of Montana, have examined the same, and find it correct, and would respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the constitution of Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, of Montana, be approved. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. PRICE,
HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the amendment to Article XXII of the By-Laws, submitted by Past Grand Sire NICHOLSON, on the subject of regalia, would report that they are satisfied that the amendment is one very proper to be made, if properly modified and not made obligatory upon the officers affected thereby; they, therefore, report the following for adoption:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXII OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE.—The regalia for a Past Grand, who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may, in lieu of any other regalia to which he may be entitled, be a scarlet collar, trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a half inches wide with a roll of purple two inches wide, trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links. The above described regalia may be worn by a brother who has passed the chairs in a Lodge and in an Encampment in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or any Grand or Subordinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings, and the roll of purple velvet, with yellow metal trimmings.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
D. N. BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON,
GEO. DEAN,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
A. B. CRANE.

Rep. FUHRMANN, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions feel constrained, by a sense of duty, to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the very loose manner of sending up the laws of the several jurisdictions for review and confirmation. In consequence thereof, the following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for consideration shall bear the seal of the body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the body has one) shall be returned without consideration.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
SEATON GALES,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
O. B. WHITTEN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE,
J. M. PRICE.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution offered bx Rep. HARMON, of California, viz: "That, without further legislation by this Grand Lodge, it is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to enact a by-law permitting members, at their option, to pay a fixed sum as dues, and thereafter be exempt from payment of dues," respectfully report that upon an examination of our laws we find that it is requisite that every member, in order to retain his membership, must pay his dues as they accrue under the law of the jurisdiction under which his subordinate exists. We, therefore, offer for your adoption the following:

Resolved, That it is not lawful to pass a local law whereby a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment may receive a fixed sum as dues, and as a consideration therefor, relieve the member so paying from further obligation to be charged with dues during his membership.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. CARTER,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. WARD ELLIS,
M. J. DURHAM,
THOS. C. PORTER,
JOHN S. GIVEN,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
E. GOVER COX.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, presented by Rep. Gow, to be found on page 5461 Journal, as follows, viz: "That the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to ascertain if it is lawful for a Grand Lodge to have a clause in its constitution, that when an applicant for membership by initiation receives less than three black balls, the application shall be referred back to the committee for further investigation, and a new ballot at some future meeting," would report that this resolution would imply that in all cases *three* black balls are required to reject an application for initiation; whereas this Grand Lodge has decided (see Digest, section 127) that it is left to State Jurisdictions to decide in what manner members shall be elected and how many black balls shall be required to reject an applicant,

and your committee are of the opinion that when, upon a ballot, the number of black balls required to reject (by law of the jurisdiction) are cast, the applicant shall be declared to be rejected, and it is not lawful for the application to be referred for further investigation and a new ballot at some future meeting.

Fraternally submitted.

THOS. C. PORTER,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
R. A LAMBERTON,
J. T. GIVEN,
M. J. DURHAM,
B. FLETCHER, JR.,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JOHN W. CARTER,
E. GOVER COX.

Rep. McLEAN, of the District of Columbia, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, on changing the manner of balloting in the degrees, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the subject, and recommend, that in view of pending legislation, the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. R. McLEAN,
P. O. HOOPER,
A. B. CRANE,
JOHN GIBSON.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of reports as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5475, from the Judiciary Committee, on the decisions of the Grand Sire therein stated, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved that it be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report on decision No. 13, which was agreed to, and the report was accordingly recommitted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the matter of Odd-Fellowship in Germany, was considered, by special order.

The question being on the first resolution accompanying the report—

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution, he moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

Amend by striking out the names of the Past Grands mentioned in said resolution.

The question being on the first resolution, as amended, it was agreed to.

The question now being on the second resolution—

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, moved to amend as follows:

"Strike out the words 'and within such other European countries as may apply therefor.'"

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved further to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

Strike out all after the word "resolved" and insert as follows:
That the said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" shall have power to establish and grant charters to other Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and other Grand Lodges and Encampments within the German Empire and Switzerland; provided the Lodges of Switzerland shall choose to join those of Germany in the formation of said Grand Lodge.
And Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, at Berlin, is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of the Germanic Empire.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved to amend as follows, which was adopted:

Strike out the words "apply therefor" and insert the words "as may hereafter be attached to said jurisdiction by the consent of this Grand Lodge."

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, by leave of the Lodge, now withdrew his amendment.

The question being on the resolution, as amended, it was adopted.

The question now being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions, as a whole, pending which, the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when it proceeded to the consideration of the subject pending at the time of recess, to wit:

The report and resolutions of the Committee on Correspondence on granting a charter for a Grand Lodge for the German Empire.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions as a whole—

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolutions as a whole?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

By unanimous consent, the special order was suspended, when—

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of WILLIAM DUNNING, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, have duly considered the same, and find the following state of facts:

Certain members of Anamosa Lodge, No. 40, who were about to withdraw from said Lodge, for the purpose of organizing a new Lodge, applied for a lease of the hall and use of the regalia, etc., for a term of ten years, on the payment of a nominal sum, (one dollar,) which application was afterwards modified so as to make the term of lease seven years. The brothers so petitioning came in at the next regular meeting of the Lodge and participated in the action of the Lodge in agreeing to grant the lease applied for. An appeal was taken from this action to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, on the ground that some of the brothers voting for the lease had given notice that they were going to withdraw from the Lodge, and therefore had no right to vote in the premises.

The questions involved in this case are not without their difficulties, while great injustice might, under some circumstances, be done by the action of brethren withdrawing from an established Lodge in the manner and for the purposes named.

Your committee knows of no power to prevent members from voting while they remain members of the old Lodge. Until such membership ceases, they are possessed of the rights as well as liabilities of members, and one of those rights is that of voting on all propositions before the Lodge. It is stated in the record of this case, that four of the brothers were not entitled to vote, on account of arrears in dues; but it does not appear that the votes of said brothers were necessary to constitute a majority of those voting. The committee are of the opinion that the action of the four brothers, in so voting, is not an objection to be here considered.

Your committee respectfully suggest that this Grand Lodge should provide proper safeguards in the event of the recurrence of similar cases, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa be sustained and the appeal be dismissed.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire as to what action, if any, is necessary to be taken to prevent injustice in future cases of similar character, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

NATHAN PORTER,
H. D. McCARTY,
C. VANCE,
ROBERT LEBBY,
E. WILKERSON,
WM. MADDEN,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
C. H. RAWLINGS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rep. WILSON, of Louisiana, found on page 5462 of the Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be and are hereby granted the sole control and regulation of the meetings of their subordinates.

Resolved, That all laws in conflict with the above be and the same are hereby repealed.

Also, the resolutions presented by Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, on the same subject, found on page 5463 of the Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, and to be found on page 4834 of the Journal, in reference to meetings of subordinates, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the time and place of holding Lodge meetings be and the same is hereby left to the control and regulation of State Grand Bodies.

Have considered the same and beg leave respectfully to offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That further legislation upon the subject matter contained in said resolutions is inexpedient at this time, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
GEO. DEAN,
A. B. CRANE.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, members of the Legislative Committee, have duly considered the resolution of Rep. WILSON, of Louisiana, viz., "That State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments be and are hereby granted the sole control and regulation of the meetings of their subordinates, and that all laws in conflict with the above be and the same is hereby repealed," would respectfully report that this question has caused, throughout our whole jurisdiction, a strong feeling of opposition and excitement, which should be allayed by this Grand Body at this time. The objection to said law is not from the fact that Lodges may or may not desire to meet on Sunday, but claim that it is sectarian in its character and does not belong to and never should have been introduced into this Grand Body. We would therefore offer the accompanying resolution:

Resolved That the resolution passed by this Grand Body, to be found on page 4834 of the Journal of 1870, on the subject of Lodge Work on Sunday, be and the same is hereby repealed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
D. N. BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Commit-

tee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Bro. M. V. BURRIS, of Wisconsin, page 5242 of the Journal of 1871, beg leave to report, that certain representations are made as facts in said petition which require investigation to ascertain their correctness before action can be had by this Grand Lodge; your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the subject contained in the memorial of Bro. M. V. BURRIS be referred to the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for investigation, that they may report at our next annual session their recommendation as to such action as may be necessary.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
M. J. DURHAM,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
E. GOVER COX,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JOHN W. CARTER,
THOS. C. PORTER,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HARMON, (page 5461 Journal,) respectfully report that the law of the Order is correctly declared in that resolution, "without further legislation by this Grand Lodge, it is not competent for a Subordinate Lodge to enact a by-law restricting membership to persons not over a certain age."

The qualifications for admission to the Order are defined by Article XVI, Section 2, of the Constitution. No other restriction as to age is therein prescribed, except that the candidate must have arrived at the age of twenty-one years. It has been held that the Grand Lodge having decided by her Constitution the necessary qualifications for membership, no Grand Body has the right to change the same, (Digest, 1104,) *a fortiori*, a Subordinate Lodge cannot change them. To add an additional limitation or qualification as to age would be to legislate upon a subject which a Subordinate Lodge cannot touch.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution under consideration. Respectfully submitted.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
M. J. DURHAM,
E. GOVER COX,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JNO. W. CARTER,
THOS. C PORTER,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee respectfully beg leave to report, that by Article XXIX of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, it is declared that "the Grand Lodge of the United States will neither entertain nor consider any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Encampment."

In terms this by-law would have excluded a number of resolutions referred to your committee, but which, because entertained by this Grand Body, your committee considered and reported upon. The fact that an abstract proposition is presented in the form of a resolution rather than of inquiry, does not exclude the operation of the by-law. The law is not to be evaded directly or indirectly. Its meaning is clear. Unless the inquiry as to our laws or usages comes before this Grand Lodge by an appeal from a Lodge or Encampment, or has been presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, it cannot be entertained or considered here. Its purpose is also clear. The time of this Grand Lodge is not to be occupied, or its labors increased by the consideration and solution of doubts upon abstract questions. Therefore, to meet and end what your committee unanimously regard as an evasion of the by-law, they submit for adoption the following:

Resolved, That Article XXIX of the By-Laws applies to any inquiry, whether in the form of an interrogation or resolution.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
M. J. DURHAM,
E. GOVER COX,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JNO. W. CARTER,
THOS. C. PORTER,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 200, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in refusing to admit JULIUS BAUMGARTEN, Past Grand, to membership in that body, report the following facts:

JULIUS BAUMGARTEN was the first Noble Grand of Paul Ketterlinus Lodge, No. 673, and presented to the Grand Lodge a regular Past Grand's certificate from Lodge No. 673, at the semi-annual session of said Grand Lodge, November, 1870. He was, on motion, refused admission to the Grand Lodge, because it was alleged that he had been guilty of gross improprieties of conduct as a member of No. 673, and for which the Lodge has not prescribed an adequate punishment.

He afterwards drew his card from No. 673, and deposited it in Pacific Lodge, No. 200. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge, in May, 1871, Pacific Lodge, No. 200, sent up another certificate to the Grand Lodge of

the good standing of Past Grand BAUMGARTEN, which certificate the Grand Lodge refused to acknowledge for the same reasons that had previously governed its action. The matter was, however, referred to a special committee, which committee reported at the semi-annual session of November, 1871, in favor of admitting P. G. BAUMGARTEN, but further consideration of the matter was indefinitely postponed, and permission given to appeal from said action of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Appeals, on the foregoing statement of facts, can see no sufficient reason for the refusal to admit Past Grand BAUMGARTEN as a member of the Grand Lodge of his State. He presented the proper certificate of qualification, and so far as the committee have been able to learn from the report and record before them, said Grand Lodge had no authority, upon information of alleged improprieties of conduct of the Past Grand, to reject him. He came the properly accredited representative of his Lodge, and should have been so received. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That said JULIUS BAUMGARTEN is entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that the appeal of Pacific Lodge be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

NATHAN PORTER,
ROBERT LEBBY,
E. WILKERSON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
WILLIAM MADDEN,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
C. VANCE,
H. D. McCARTY.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, relative to a decision made by the Grand Master of said jurisdiction, which is as follows: "When a member is being tried for violating the obligation or divulging the secrets of any of the degrees, members who have not attained the degree specified in the charge cannot sit in the Lodge during the trial and must retire," respectfully report, that under our existing law it is the indisputable right of every member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge to be present at the meeting of any Subordinate Lodge while open in the initiatory degree, without reference to the particular business to be transacted; your committee fully recognize the necessity of such legislation as would authorize the decision above quoted, and recommend that the Legislative Committee be requested to prepare and present to this Grand Body a general law that will govern such cases; we offer for your approval the following:

Resolved, That it is not the right of a Subordinate Lodge, under the existing laws, to require any member in good standing to retire from the Lodge room while such Lodge is open in the initiatory degree.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. CARTER,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
M. J. DURHAM,
E. GOVER COX,
T. C. PORTER,
J. T. GIVEN,
B. FLETCHER, JR.,
J. WARD ELLIS.

The Lodge now, pursuant to special order to that effect, resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred that part of the M. W. Grand Sire's report which refers to the Chicago fire, and that in view of that great disaster, the immense and prompt relief furnished by the Order, and the zeal and energy displayed by the Relief Committee mentioned in the Grand Sire's report, said special committee shall consider and report what action, if any, would be proper on the part of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. MORSE, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Past Official Degrees of Vice Grand and Secretary be and the same are hereby abolished.

Rep. RAND, of Massachusetts, from the special committee on the subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution to be found on page 5463, relative to the wearing of street uniforms by Encampments, report that they have given the subject careful attention, and finding that there is a universal and earnest desire throughout all the New England States to be permitted this indulgence, offer the following:

Resolved, That Encampments be permitted to wear such style of street uniform, on parade, as may be sanctioned by the Grand Encampments of their respective jurisdictions; but under no circumstances shall the funds of an Encampment be appropriated to meet any expense incurred thereby.

CALEB RAND,
J. H. ROBINSON,
JOHN B. HARMON,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
J. D. TRAPP,
WILL. P. SHARP,
JNO. H. WHITE.

The Chair appointed the following

Special Committee on that part of the Grand Sire's report relating to the Fire at Chicago.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; FOULK, of Delaware; MEDOLE, of New York; HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; BAKER, of North Carolina.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, requesting "that each State and Territorial Jurisdiction be allowed to adopt such form of Funeral Ceremony and use such form of Prayer at the burial of brothers as they may deem most appropriate," have considered said resolution, and beg leave to report:

That the action suggested has been repeatedly considered by this committee, and no good reason has as yet been offered to induce them to take favorable action in the premises. The subject is of importance, and this does not seem to be a favorable time for any novel movement in the direction indicated. They therefore ask the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDWD. H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
A. B. CRANE,
GEO. DEAN,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, page 5486 of the Journal, on the subject of trials in Subordinate Lodges, and appeals therefrom, report that they have considered the subject and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject, as the first resolution is already the law of the Order. And that the second resolution ought not to be made a law—the law already providing for an appeal where the decision of a subordinate is unsatisfactory—and we do not think a charge against a Lodge, under the circumstances referred to, either necessary or proper. We therefore submit the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
A. B. CRANE,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
J. L. MILTON,
GEORGE DEAN,
HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH.

Rep. DEAN, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution submitted by Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, page 5465 of the Journal, and the preamble and resolutions presented from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, page 5473 of the Journal, on the subject of having the work of Subordinate Lodges done in the scarlet degree, report that they have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to make the

change asked for. We therefore submit the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE DEAN,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
A. B. CRANE,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Petitions, to which was referred an application for a charter under which to establish a Grand Lodge for the Province of British Columbia, to be located at Victoria, after having given the subject a careful consideration, submit the following report:

We find that there is such a want of harmony amongst the Lodges in that Province (three in number) as to render the granting of the charter of very doubtful propriety. In addition to this stands prominently forth the fact of the weakness (numerically) of the Order in the proposed jurisdiction, the whole number of members being less than three hundred, that there does not seem to be a pressing necessity for the organization of a Grand Lodge.

Whilst the petition purports to come from all of the three Lodges, we find that in reality it comes from only numbers one and three, though the signatures of two members of number two are appended to it, but the Lodge number two, as a body, not only does not join in the application, but protests against the establishing of a Grand Lodge, and asks that if such act shall be done that it may be left either under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California or else brought under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

In view then of these facts, viz., the smallness of the membership, and the want of harmony amongst the brotherhood, your committee are compelled to conclude that at present it is inexpedient to recommend the granting of the prayer of the petitioners.

Having arrived at this conclusion, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at the present time to grant a charter for the establishment of a Grand Lodge at Victoria, in British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. EARL
D. B. WHITAKER,
J. P. SANDERS,
JOHN T. HARCOURT,
J. C. SMITH.

Rep. WHALLEY, of Oregon, from the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The minority of the Committee on Petitions being unable to concur in the views taken by the majority of said committee relative to the granting

of a Grand Lodge charter for British Columbia, respectfully presents the following minority report:

In the opinion of the undersigned, the reasons presented in the memorial of those petitioning for the granting of a charter for a Grand Lodge in British Columbia, are sufficiently cogent to require this Grand Body to grant the prayer of the petitioners; therefore, a minority of your committee respectfully recommends that a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be called "The Grand Lodge of British Columbia," be granted to the said petitioners upon the same conditions as those imposed by this Grand Body on the granting of a Grand Lodge charter to the jurisdiction of Colorado.

J. W. WHALLEY.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of August Rische, Frank T. Green, William E. Musgrove, G. W. Brunk, J. Marshall Paul, W. H. Chapman, and Joseph Castello, for a charter for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at Fair Play, Colorado, upon examination, find that the said Encampment has already been organized under a dispensation, and is now in successful operation.

We therefore recommend that the granting of a dispensation be approved, and that a charter be issued to Park Encampment, No. 4.

W. C. EARL,
J. S. TICKNOR,
J. W. WHALLEY,
D. B. WHITAKER,
J. P. SANDERS,
JOHN T. HARCOURT,
J. C. SMITH.

The hour having arrived fixed for adjournment, 3½ o'clock, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 20th, 1872—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

By general consent the Grand Secretary presented the application of several Patriarchs of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, for restoration of its charter, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Chair proceeded to call the committees in order, pursuant to the rule, when—

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report on page 5280 of the report numbered 13, which is as follows: "If there is no local law prescribing what vote is necessary to reinstate an expelled member, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, the same vote which expelled from ought to be had to restore membership," and was reported on by your committee as properly belonging to the Legislative Committee, and afterwards recommitted by your R. W. Body to your Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report, beg leave to report that they ap-

prove of the Grand Sire's opinion as therein expressed, and offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
THOS. C. PORTER,
E. GOVER COX,
M. J. DURHAM,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.

On motion of Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns have examined the annual returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and find the following to be correct:

Grand Lodges.—Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, District of Columbia, Delaware, Ohio, Louisiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Illinois, Connecticut, Texas, Tennessee, (except that an old blank was used and the names of expelled members were reported,) Alabama, North Carolina, (except that an old blank was used and the names of expelled members were reported,) Wisconsin, Vermont, Iowa, Rhode Island, Florida, Minnesota, California, (on this report it is stated "no relief" reports due from Subordinate Lodges till July 1st,) Oregon, Nebraska, Kansas, West Virginia, Nevada.

Grand Encampments.—Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maine, (except that it is made on an old blank,) Missouri, Michigan, Tennessee, (except that it is on an old blank and the names of expelled members are reported,) Alabama, Delaware, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Illinois, Iowa, Texas, West Virginia, (except that the names of expelled members are reported,) Kansas, Ontario, (except that no relief report is furnished.)

Subordinate Lodges.—Paradise, No. 2, Sante Fe, New Mexico; Mount Royal, No. 1, at Montreal, Province of Quebec; Borussia, No. 2, at Berlin, Prussia; Saxonia, No. 1, at Dresden, Saxony.

Subordinate Encampments.—Arkansas, No. 2, at Little Rock, Arkansas; Fort Smith, No. 3, at Fort Smith, Arkansas; Golden Rule, No. 8, at Searcy, Arkansas; Ancilla, No. 2, at Tallahassee, Florida; Ridgely, No. 1, at Nebraska City, Nebraska; Hesperian, No. 2, at Omaha, Nebraska; Plattsmouth, No. 3, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, except they report they have no seal; Saline, No. 4, at Lincoln, Nebraska; Ashland, No. 5, at Ashland, Nebraska, except that it is made on a Lodge blank; Colorado, No. 1, at Central City, Colorado; Denver, No. 2, at Denver, Colorado; Bald Mountain, No. 3, at Nevada, Colorado; Park, No. 4, at Fair Play, Colorado, except that they have no seal; Wyoming, No. 1, at Laramie City, Wyoming, except that they have no seal; Hope, No. 2, at Cheyenne, Wyoming; Farnsworth, No. 1, at Berlin, Prussia.

The following are incorrect:

Grand Lodges.—Indiana reported, in 1871, members 19,099; stated in summary as 19,374. Missouri reported, in 1871, members 10,092; stated in sum-

mary as 10,032. South Carolina, not on the printed blank and not signed by the Grand Master. Georgia reported, in 1871, members 1623; stated in summary as 1639. Maine, seal *pasted on*. Michigan reported, in 1871, members 7771; stated in summary as 8129. Arkansas reported, in 1871, members 999; stated in summary as 1024. Lower Provinces, B. N. A., reported, in 1871, members 400; stated in summary as 397. Ontario reports 628 members "*in arrears, not suspended*," which information is not required; there are also other errors in the figures and the place of meeting, and names and address of Grand Master and Grand Secretary are not stated. Colorado, time and place of meeting not stated. New Hampshire reported, in 1871, members 4123; stated in summary as 4125.

Grand Encampments.—New York reported, in 1871, members 3597; stated in summary as 3697; no relief reports, no statement of the annual receipts, and no seal attached. Ohio reported, in 1871, members 8789; stated in summary as 8791. New Hampshire reported, in 1871, members 1406; stated in summary as 1412. District of Columbia reported, in 1871, members 683; stated in summary 686. Georgia reported, in 1871, members 354; stated in summary 368. Indiana reported, in 1871, members 4408; stated in summary as 4342. Mississippi no seal attached. Louisiana reported, in 1871, members 270; stated in summary as 265; also five members added, without stating how received. California reported, in 1871, members 2571; stated in summary as 2541; stated on the report "no relief report due from subordinates until July 1st." Minnesota, the Encampments in 1871, reported 121 members; there appears to have been some errors in former reports, for which the Grand Scribe claims that he is not responsible, and he reports the present membership as 179, a discrepancy of 54; the report is otherwise correct, except that it is not on the proper printed blank. Vermont, the summary is not filled; taking the number of members reported last year, 239, and adding the admissions, 45, makes 284; deducting the losses, 4, would leave 289, while the report shows only 209 members, a discrepancy of 71. North Carolina, three Subordinate Encampments reported, last year, 94 members; they report admitted 27, total 121, and have lost three, which would leave 118, while they report 133 members, a discrepancy of 15; the Grand Scribe did not fill up the summary, and the seal is pasted on.

Subordinate Lodges.—Dakota, No. 1, at Yankton, Dakota Territory; from the number of members, as determined by the summary, 44, they have deducted 7, without accounting for the loss. Echo, No. 2, at Fort Randall; the report is defective in almost every particular; the number stated as initiated is 37, while they give the names of 34 only; they report the degrees conferred on 94, but do not report the number of members. Montana, No. 1, at Helena, Montana Territory; no summary. Cottonwood, No. 2, at Deer Lodge City, Montana Territory; no summary. Bannack, No. 3, at Bannack City, incorrect in the summary. Western Star, No. 4, at Bozman, Montana Territory; 18 stated as admitted by card; names of 17 only given.

Germany.—Wurttemberg, No. 1, at Stuttgart, reported last year 51 members; now stated in summary as 17. Germania, No. 1, at Berlin, reported last year 45 members; they now report, admitted, 12, withdrawn, 11, total membership, 76. Helvetia, No. 2, at Dresden, Saxony, reports, initiated, 6, deceased, 1, members, 14; do not account for the admission of 9; the seal is of wax, and not impressed on the paper.

Subordinate Encampments.—Eagle, No. 1, at Helena, Arkansas; no seal. Walker, No. 5, at Washington, Arkansas, reorganized; does not state the manner of admission of the 29 members. Hooper, No. 6, at Augusta, Arkansas; no seal. Jefferson, No. 7, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas; no seal.

No reports have been received from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina; Vermillion Lodge, No. 2, at Vermillion, Dakota Territory; Teutonia, No. 3, at Lychen; Templar, No. 1, at Berlin; Concordia, No. 5, at Berlin; Humboldt, No. 6, at Berlin, Prussia.

While some jurisdictions have required subordinates to report to the 1st

of January, others have not, and have failed to make any returns of relief for the past year. The words "members in good standing" have been, by some officers, construed to mean that their reports should not include the members in arrears for dues. Such we do not believe to be a proper construction of the words, but reports should include the numbers of members on the roll, even if some are in arrears. We suggest, however, that the words "in good standing" be omitted from the blanks that may be printed hereafter.

Also, that all Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes be directed to forward blanks to the subordinates in their jurisdiction and require complete reports from them to the 31st day of December, 1872, without regard to the time when the terms of the subordinates close, and that they so continue to require annual returns to that date until the Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, on page 5331 of his report, suggests that in jurisdictions where the present laws are not sufficient to procure the desired reports at the proper time, further legislation for that purpose should be had, and we commend the suggestion to the several Subordinate Grand Bodies.

Respectfully submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
ALFRED W. PHELPS,
HERVEY F. HUBBARD,
JOSEPH H. GARDINER,
ALFRED D. JONES,
PERRY B. CLARK,
P. O. HOOPER.

Rep. RAND, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented offer the following report: That all subordinate jurisdictions are represented at this session of your R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted.

CALEB RAND,
G. NUNGESSER,
HENRY CLARK,
GEO. H. OLNEY,
O. B. SMART,
C. A. ROBBE,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions feel constrained to call the attention of this Grand Body to a serious evil which they find to exist to no inconsiderable extent. They refer to the remissness of many State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in allowing subordinates to adopt laws inconsistent with the laws as laid down by this Grand Body and incorporated in

the Digest; they would respectfully recommend the consideration of this subject to the Legislative Committee.

SEATON GALES,
HUGH LATHAM,
J. M. PRICE,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. E. DODGE,
O. B. WHITTEN.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, found on page 5491 Journal, asking that all brothers who now occupy the position of Noble Grand in the several Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and who have served as Vice Grands in such Lodges from October, 1871, to July, 1872, may be declared entitled to admission to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey at its annual session in November, 1872, as Past Grands, on the presentation of certificates from their Subordinate Lodges that they have served from October, 1871, to July, 1872, as Vice Grands, and have, from the 1st of July to the 1st of November, 1872, served as Noble Grands, &c., have considered the subject, and find that all these officers will become entitled to their past official honors on or after January 1st, 1873, and the only object sought to be attained by the legislation desired herein is to enable said officers to obtain admission into their State Grand Lodge at the ensuing November session. Believing that no necessity exists for special legislation in this matter, we respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
A. B. CRANE,
GEO. DEAN,
E. J. HAMILTON,
D. N. BARROWS,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
J. L. MILTON,
H. F. GAREY.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, relating to granting to State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments sole control of all halls and other properties owned or held by the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments within their respective jurisdictions, provided, &c., have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that the legislation asked thereon is inexpedient. Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
E. H. FITZHUGH,
A. B. CRANE,
GEO. DEAN,
E. J. HAMILTON,
D. N. BARROWS,
J. L. MILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
H. F. GAREY.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following amendment to the By-Laws offered by Brother NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, found on page 5465 Journal, to wit:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE BY-LAWS.—Amend by striking out the whole article and inserting the following, viz:

ARTICLE XXVIII.—Section 1. There shall be appointed at each annual session, in addition to the other Standing Committees, a Committee on Printing Supplies, to consist of seven members, including the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Section 2. The members of the committee shall hold their respective positions until the following annual session. The committee shall have power to sit during the recess, and shall report in detail at each annual session of the Grand Lodge. Vacancies that may occur in the committee shall be filled by the Grand Sire.

Section 3. The committee shall organize by the election of a chairman and a secretary, and shall hold a session immediately after the final adjournment of the Grand Lodge, and afterwards upon the call of the chairman, but not oftener than four times within twelve months. They shall be entitled to the same milcage and per diem for attendance at the meetings of the committee as may from time to time be allowed by law to Grand Representatives for attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. The Committee on Printing Supplies shall have power and authority to contract for all the necessary printing of the Grand Lodge, and for the furnishing of all needed supplies for the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and for all materials and work which may be required in said office, in such manner and upon such terms as the committee shall deem for the best interests of the Grand Lodge.

Section 5. The committee shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and open such books of accounts and of printing supplies as shall show at any time the quantity of supplies on hand, and the amount ordered by the committee, and adopt such regulations in relation to the supply stock as they shall deem necessary.

Section 6. All bills for printing supplies, materials furnished, or for work done by authority of the committee, shall be audited and passed upon by the Committee on Printing Supplies, and unless thus approved, shall not be paid unless the Grand Lodge shall order otherwise.

Section 7. All provisions of law heretofore adopted that are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby declared to be repealed.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend its adoption by this R. W. Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
A. B. CRANE,
GEO. DEAN,
E. J. HAMILTON,
D. N. BARROWS.
J. L. MILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
HENRY F. GAREY.

The Chair now proceeded to the call of jurisdictions in order, when—

Rep. DEWOLF, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the memoir upon the life, character, and services of Past Deputy Grand Sire MILTON HERNDON be published in the revised Journal of this R. W. Grand Body.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our forenoon session this day shall be extended until one o'clock P. M., then take a recess until three o'clock, and adjourn at seven o'clock P. M.

On motion, the resolution was reconsidered, and the question being again on its adoption, it was laid on the table.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we will hold a secret session this evening at seven o'clock.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS many co-operative or mutual life insurance societies are now in operation among the Odd-Fellows of this country, having for their object the assurance of a considerable sum of money to the families of deceased members, on the payment of a small fee or dues; and whereas said branch of our mutual relief feature is of great importance, as providing (or professing to provide) for the relief of widows and families of deceased Odd-Fellows, and if true, in principle, is capable of greater extension and ultimate adoption, in some shape, by every Lodge; and whereas great diversity in the mode or plan of management exists in these co-operative life insurance societies, and the best features of some, if known, could advantageously be adopted by others, while the accumulation of experience in working or operating them can be made useful to all and the system greatly perfected; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Dues and Benefits, appointed on Tuesday, (page 5473,) be instructed to take into consideration also the subject of co-operative life insurance societies in our Order; and are directed to procure from the various societies now in operation, copies of their rules or other documents, and a statement of their mode of management and the results of their experience up to the present time; and said committee is hereby instructed to prepare and present to this R. W. Grand Body a report based on the data and material thus obtained, giving the best practical guide for creating and managing such societies.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That M. W. Grand Sire STUART be added to the committee appointed on the preparation of a Form of Ceremonies and Ritual for the anniversary of the establishment of American Odd-Fellowship.

Rep. HARCOURT, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire into and report upon the following question: "Can a Degree Master of a Degree Lodge refuse to confer a degree upon a brother who is unable to prove himself in the degree or degrees which he claims to have previously obtained, if the brother holds a certificate from his Lodge of his eligibility to the degree which he desires to have conferred upon him?"

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has, in a formal manner, acknowledged "the large hearted liberality of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, in making its munificent donation for the purpose of introducing our Order into Germany;" and whereas said donation of $1200, in gold, was placed in the hands of the then Grand Sire for the purpose aforesaid, and no statement of the disbursement has as yet been submitted to this Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That E. D. FARNSWORTH, Past Grand Sire, be and he is herewith requested to submit to this Grand Lodge a detailed statement of the disbursements made in his trip to Europe for the purpose of introducing the Order into Germany.

On motion of Rep. HARMON, of California, to lay the resolution on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia—

Rep. WHALLEY, of Oregon, moved to amend as follows:

WHEREAS Bro. E. D. FARNSWORTH, P. G. S., has already made a detailed statement of his expenditures in the matter of the institution of our Order in Germany, to Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, which is fully satisfactory; therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Rep. LATHAM, to require him to account to this Grand Lodge, be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. PIERCE, of Indiana, moved the previous question—

Which being ordered by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. WHALLEY, of Oregon, indefinitely to postpone the resolution of Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution found on page 3709, Journal 1864, be amended by striking out all after the words "obtained in writing," so that it will read, "No Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall hold any anniversary, or other celebration, ball or party, where the regalia of the Order may be worn, or the name of the Order assumed, without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction first obtained in writing."

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, in the "Heart and Hand" of September 7th, 1872, there appears an article headed "Printing Journal G. L. U. S.," which, on reading, would appear to reflect upon some of the officers and members of this R. W. Grand Lodge; and whereas the said reflection should not be allowed to go uncontradicted, if there is no foundation for the same; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of five be immediately appointed to investigate the said subject, and to report to this R. W. Grand Lodge, at its present session, the result of their investigation.

Rep. Cox, of Maryland, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, upon the subject-matter of the resolution offered by Past Grand Sire SANDERS, offer the following:

Resolved, That the various Subordinate Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, may have the privilege of exchanging (within three months from the close of this session) the copies of the last or so called pictorial edition of the ritual as may remain unsold in their respective offices, for the new ritual, free of cost to them, except the expenses attending the exchange; and that the Subordinate Lodges may exchange, through their respective Grand Secretaries, the copies of said ritual purchased by them for the new ritual, on payment of one dollar for each copy so exchanged.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
J. H. ROBINSON,
ALBERT COHEN,
D. McLAREN,
W. C. WILSON,
W. W. MOORE,
LEVI EMPIE,
ISRAEL HARRIS.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5477, from the Committee on Correspondence, confirming the dispensations issued in the recess to establish Lodges in Germany, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the several warrants for subordinates issued during the recess therein stated, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5479, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of E. J. PECK, of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of M. J. REILLY, of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of JAMES M. PACE and J. P. PRESCOTT, of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5481, from the Committee on the Judiciary, upon the decision of the Grand Sire, propounded by the Grand Master of Missouri, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the suggestions of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary as to assistance in his office, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5490, from the same committee, on so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the extent and character of the jurisdiction assumed by State Grand Bodies over subordinates originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5491, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5492, from the same committee, on the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the constitution of Stuart Encampment, No. 2, of Pictou, N. S., was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5493, from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5494, from the same committee, on the constitution and laws of Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, of Prus-

sia; of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Berlin; of Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, of Prussia; of Templar Lodge, No. 4, of Prussia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal from ROBERT PESTOU, of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, of Prussia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5495, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to a decision made by him in a case presented by Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, of Minnesota, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution—

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved to insert the word "not" in the second resolution before the word "sufficient," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the report and resolutions, as a whole, it was adopted.

The hour fixed for recess, viz., 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when by unanimous consent—

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the matter of the appeal of JOSEPH DOWDALL, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in the case of CHRISTIAN BARTLING, the following are the facts of the case, as appears by the records:

"On the 15th of June, A. D. 1871, BARTLING, late a member of Capitol Lodge, No. 334, departed this life, being at that time clear of the books of his Lodge in every respect. It is alleged that the deceased brought upon himself by intemperance, causing delirium tremens, his sickness and death. Afterwards objection was made in Capitol Lodge, No. 334, to the payment of both weekly and funeral benefits to the representatives of the deceased. Thereafter, said Capitol Lodge decided to pay funeral benefits to the family of the deceased. Whereupon Bro. F. R. WILSON appealed from this action of Capitol Lodge to the District Grand Committee of District No. 75, which committee sustained said appeal and reversed the decision of Capitol Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio sustained the decision of said Grand Committee, and Bro. DOWDALL appealed from the decision of the Grand Lodge.

"Section 1 of Article IX, Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of Ohio, page 40, provides that "Each member of the Lodge who is in good standing,

who shall be disabled by sickness or injury to his person from following his usual business avocation, provided that such sickness or injury shall not have been occasioned by his own improper conduct, and who shall have been a member thereof by initiation for six months, or upon card for three months, and not in arrears for dues, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Lodge, benefits as follows," &c., (stating amounts for different degrees.)

It does not appear from the record, and in fact it is not claimed, that any charges were preferred against the brother for such "improper conduct," that any trial was had by the Lodge on charges preferred, or that he was lawfully convicted of any "improper conduct." The action of the Lodge was based simply on "common rumor or reports of his general character."

And the question of this Grand Lodge to decide in this, to wit:

If a member die of sickness brought on by his own improper conduct, can his family be lawfully denied the usual funeral benefits, when no charges had been brought against him, and where his dues were paid?

While this committee are not prepared to say that under some circumstances it might not be proper to inquire, even *after the death* of a brother, whether his last sickness was not the result of his own immoral conduct, (as for instance, when he was away from the neighborhood of his Lodge, which had no notice or knowledge of his conduct, or in case of secret disease,) they think in this case the Lodge had no right so to do, and that the widow was entitled to the funeral benefits.

The deceased was said to be intemperate; there is no proper evidence of this in the record; but if it were true it does not appear but that he was in the neighborhood of his Lodge during such intemperance, and that the members thereof were as well aware of his habits before his death as afterwards, but no charges were brought against him. The Lodge suffered the deceased to continue in his alleged immoral conduct until death ensued, and paid his sick and funeral benefits. The Grand Committee of Ohio say that the Lodge did wrong in paying the benefits, and the Grand Lodge of Ohio sustain the committee; but, in the opinion of your committee, the Grand Lodge was wrong.

This Grand Lodge has several times, in effect, decided this to be the proper course. (See Digest of the Grand Lodge of the United States, page 43, section 186, and authorities there cited.)

Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

NATHAN PORTER,
H. D. McCARTY,
WILLIAM MADDEN,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
C. VANCE,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
ROBERT LEBBY,
E. WILKERSON.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the special committee on foreign relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to Australasia, the Order in Peru, in the West Indies and in the British Isles has been referred, have considered the subjects to which their attention has been called, and ask leave to submit the following report:

The committee have read with great interest the correspondence between the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge and the brethren in several of the countries above referred to. The committee feel assured that they express a sentiment entertained by this Grand Lodge, and by the whole Order in the United States, when they declare the profound interest felt here in the prosperity and success of our brethren abroad who are engaged in the efforts to plant our beloved Order in other lands. The correspondence referred to discloses but little requiring action of this Grand Body at the present time.

In Australasia, Peru and the West Indies, the wish is expressed that this Grand Lodge would so modify its laws in relation to color as to authorize other than white persons to be admitted into the Order in those countries.

On this subject the committee would remark, that the several Lodges, Grand and Subordinate, in the places last referred to, are working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body. Our organic law, ever since the establishment of the Order, has restricted the right of admission to the white race. No change in our constitution can be made unless proposed at one annual session and acted upon at the next, and no such proposition was made at the last session, consequently that subject cannot come before us for consideration at the present. Besides this, there are various considerations of great delicacy and importance, of which our brethren abroad have not been informed, that render it highly inexpedient to legislate upon this subject. And as we in this country, with this restriction in our constitution, have flourished almost beyond a precedent, we venture to express the hope that a similar measure of success will attend our brethren abroad, although they are subjected to a like restriction.

It would afford us much gratification to be able to send a Special Deputy to our brethren abroad, especially to the growing and important jurisdictions in Australasia, but the state of the finances of this Grand Lodge forbid such a measure at the present session. But if such deputy can be obtained without expense to this Grand Lodge, we recommend that the Grand Sire be authorized to make such appointment.

From information laid before the committee, we are led to believe that persons in the British Isles, especially in Scotland, are desirous to become members of this Order. If so, we are of opinion that the opportunity should be afforded them of doing so; and we, therefore, recommend that the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized to establish the Order in the British Isles, if proper application be made, and he shall be of the opinion that it is judicious to take that step; but no expense under any circumstances should be incurred for the purpose above indicated.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JAS. P. SANDERS,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN B. HARMON,
D. N. BARROWS,
H. F. GAREY,
JNO. F. HAVENNER.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. MORSE, of California, providing that the Past Official Degrees of Vice Grand and Secretary be abolished, beg leave to report, that the subject of the resolution

should be considered in secret session, and are of opinion that it should be referred to the Committee on Revision of the Secret Work, to be reported upon and considered in secret session.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
D. N. BARROWS,
E. J. HAMILTON,
A. B. CRANE,
J. L. MILTON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS.

The Lodge now resumed the special order, to wit: the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, page 5496, from the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to a translation of the Ritual into the German language, was considered.

The question being on adopting the same—

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved to amend as follows:

Amend the second resolution by striking out all after the word "continued," and insert the following, viz., "under the belief that the work will be properly done without expense to this Grand Lodge."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution, as amended, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 5497, from the same committee, on decisions numbered 6, 8 and 10 of the Grand Sire, and also the answers on page 5282, was considered.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, from a minority of the committee, made the following report, by leave of the Grand Lodge:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, profoundly regrets that he cannot agree with his colleagues of that committee in the conclusions they have arrived at in their report on the 8th decision of the Grand Sire. A careful examination of the Ritual of the Degree will, I think, convince many that the decision is a correct one.

The elective officers of a Lodge cannot, without the assistance of the appointed officers, confer the degree; each has his particular duty to perform, and the organization of the Lodge would be imcomplete without having all the chairs filled by brothers duly qualified. Entertaining the opinion that this matter is fully provided for in the secret work of the degree, and that the decision is in full accord with that work, I submit the following:

Resolved, That the 8th decision of the Grand Sire be approved.

JOHN F. HAVENNER.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, raised the point of order, that the subject could only be considered in the secret session.

The Chair ruled that the point was well taken, and the subject was accordingly referred to the secret session.

The next report, page 5499, from the Judiciary Committee, relating to the papers connected with the Orphan Asylum Fund of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5500, from the Committee on Correspondence, on so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the relation existing between this Grand Lodge and life insurance, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the extension of the Order into Manitobe, Dominion of Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5501, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5502, from the same committee, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the question propounded by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, therein stated, was considered.

Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, moved to recommit the report, which was not agreed to, and the question being on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to,

The next report, page 5511, from the Committee on Appeals, on the constitution of the Rebekah Degree Lodges of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5512, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the

amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5513, from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the books and accounts of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, submitted by Rep. HAVENNER, of that jurisdiction, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5514, from the same committee, on the resolution offered by Rep. EARL, of Ohio, relating to alterations in visiting card plate, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HARMON, of California, and Reps. DODGE and DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, proposing to extend the terms of Subordinate Lodges to twelve months, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5515, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, in relation to the status of members of defunct Lodges, under the circumstances therein stated, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, to authorize less than a quorum of an Encampment to act on petitions for membership, and confer degrees upon duly qualified brothers, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5516, from the same committee, on the preamble and resolution of Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, on the subject of disqualifying a Patriarch from receiving benefits from his Encampment when in arrears to his Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the preamble and resolutions of Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, on the subject of the proper disposition of the funds and property surrendered by defunct subordinates, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the word resolved and insert: "That the property and general funds of defunct Lodges and Encampments may, at the option of the Grand Body holding the same, be used for the purpose of assisting working Lodges and Encampments when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization, or they may be applied for the assistance of the widows and orphans of defunct Lodges, or to any relief fund which may exist in such Grand Jurisdiction. But, in cases where such subordinate defunct Lodges have, during their existence, accumulated a fund, specifically denominated 'the widows' and orphans' fund,' the same being a trust fund, it shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge to which said fund shall be surrendered to execute the trust and apply the said funds to the purposes and parties for which they were created."

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, page 5517, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, relating to the time when an amendment to a constitution takes effect, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of Lima Lodge, No. 1, Lima, Peru, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5518, from the same committee, on the constitution of Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the amendment to Article XXII of by-laws, title regalia, was considered, and was adopted by a vote of two-thirds, as required by law, being a change of the by-laws.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, recommending that no constitution be considered unless properly certified, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5519, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of Rep. HARMON, of California, on the subject of dues, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. GOW, of Georgia, to be found on page 5461, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5520, from the special committee on the subject, to wit: balloting for degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5522, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Wm. Dunning from the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered.

The question being on the report—

Rep. Ellis, of Illinois, moved to amend as follows: Strike out the word "old," in second line, fourth paragraph, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution—

Rep. Latham, of Virginia, moved to amend as follows: Strike out the following words: "The Committee on Legislation of this Grand Lodge be requested," and insert in lieu of them the following: "a special committee be appointed," which was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The question being now on the adoption of the report and resolution, as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, page 5523, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. Wilson, of Louisiana, on page 5462, relative to the repeal of the Sunday law, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Hamilton, of New York, the report of the minority of the committee, same page, on the same subject, was considered in connection with the majority report.

The question being on the motion of Bro. Nicholson, P. G. Sire, to adopt the majority report—

Bro. Sanders, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by substituting the minority report.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, moved the previous question, and the main question being ordered, was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the minority report?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Barrows, Barber, Clark of Minnesota, Damon, Dodge, Driscol, Dyer, Fletcher, Gardiner, Goodrich, Hamilton, Harcourt, Harmon, Hartshorn, Jones, Lebby, Lindenberg, McLaren, Madden, Majors, Medole, Milton, Morse, Nungesser, Phillips, Plimpton, Porter of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Portis, Price of Massachusetts, Rand, Richardson, Silber, (2 votes,) Smart, Smith of Nevada, Vandegriff, White of Nevada, White of New York, Whitten, Wilson—41.

Nays.—Reps. Alexander, Baker of Delaware, Baker of North Carolina, Carter, Clark of Vermont, Cohen, Cory, Cox, Crane, Curry, Darnel, Dean, DeWolf, Dolson, Dowden, Earl, Edwards, Ellis, Empie, Fairchild, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Fuhrmann, Garey, Gibson, Given, Gow, (2 votes,) Harris, Haseltine, Havenner, Hickok, Hooper, Hubbard, Kent, Lamberton, Latham, Leech, McCarty, McCraney, McKinstry, McLean, Maris, Matheson, Moore, Needles, Newell, Olney, Palmer, Phelps, Pierce, (2 votes,) Price of Missouri, (2

votes,) Rawlings, Robbe, Robinson, Ross, Ryan, Sargent, Schwatka, Sharp, Sides, Simpson, Smith of Connecticut, Spear, Stokes, Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins, Trapp, (2 votes,) Turner, Vance, Whalley, Whitaker, Whitney, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wilkerson, Williams, Woodyatt—83.

The question being now on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 5524, from the Judiciary Committee, on the memorial of M. V. BURRIS, of Wisconsin, page 5242, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HARMON, of California, relative to the power of Subordinate Lodges to pass laws to restrict membership to persons not over a certain age, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5525, from the same committee, on the construction of the twenty-ninth article of the by-laws, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 200, Pennsylvania, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next session, in order that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may have an opportunity to furnish further evidence in the case.

The question being on the motion to postpone, it appeared upon a count, that there were 46 in the affirmative and 46 in the negative—

Whereupon the Chair decided the motion to postpone adopted by his vote.

The next report, page 5526, from the Judiciary Committee, on the communication from the Grand Lodge of Illinois on the subject of members being present at the trial of brothers of a higher grade than they have attained, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5527, from the special committee on the subject, to wit: on street uniforms for Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5528, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of funeral ceremony and prayer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolutions of Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, page 5486, on the subject of "trials and appeals," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, page 5465, on Subordinate Lodges working in the scarlet degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5529, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application for a Grand Lodge in British Columbia, was considered in connection with the minority report on the same subject, same page.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report—

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, moved to amend by substituting the minority report, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5530, from the same committee, approving the warrant for Park Encampment, No. 4, Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The special order being exhausted—

Rep. WHITNEY, of Michigan, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendment submitted by Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, to resolution of 1864, found on page 3709, beg leave to report:

That the object contemplated is the striking out from the law requiring the consent of Grand Masters or Grand Patriarchs to the holding of celebrations, &c., the following proviso: "Such permission to be predicated only upon the direct promise, through the officers of the subordinate seeking the permission, that no intoxicating beverages of any kind shall be offered to the members or guests present on the occasion." Believing, as we do, that this rule has worked well, and has never been the cause of any complaint or inconvenience, so far as we have been informed, we decline to suggest its repeal as requested. We therefore ask the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS,
GEO. DEAN,
GEO. R. TOMPKINS,
A. B. CRANE,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the minority of the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned member of Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendment submitted by Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, to resolution found on page 3709, Journal 1864, that the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch be obtained for holding anniversaries or celebrations be repealed, respectfully report:

"That said law has worked very injuriously in some jurisdictions, and believing that the number of Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments have sufficient pride for the honor of themselves and the reputation of the Lodge or Encampment to which they belong to keep their name unsullied. And if any brother or Lodge should commit any act disreputable to the character or reputation of Odd-Fellowship, the powers of "local" law are sufficient to correct and punish all such transgression. I would, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution, as offered by Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, be approved.

E. J. HAMILTON.

Rep. MORSE, of California, from the special committee on Rebekah Degree, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the Rebekah Degree, to whom was referred the interrogatories of Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

In the opinion of your committee no subject of legislation commands a higher right to a liberal and gallant consideration in this Grand Body than these questions, not simply because they are devoted to the interests of the wives and daughters of our Order, but because they refer to the necessities and capacity of the Rebekah Degree as an infinitely important working branch of Odd-Fellowship. By all the light which the committee have been enabled to invoke from the limited experiments made with this degree, and more especially from their own observation and reflection, we are not only convinced of the principles of justice and equity embraced in the foregoing interrogatories, but we are equally convinced that the questions themselves are founded upon unequivocal evidence that in the Rebekah Degree the benevolent work of our Order can be nearly duplicated by a simple act of courtesy and good will of this Grand Lodge. We therefore most earnestly recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That Rebekah Degree Lodges shall hereafter be governed by the same laws in the admission of members as those governing Subordinate Lodges, except in sex and age of maturity.

Resolved, That the tenure of membership in Rebekah Degree Lodges shall be subject to the same condition as in Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That the eligibility of office in Rebekah Degree Lodges be referred to the legislation of State Grand Lodges.

JOHN F. MORSE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
H. D. McCARTY,
JOS. H. GARDINER,
THEO. A. ROSS,
WM. R. McLEAN.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns report that they have not been able to complete the tables of returns during the present session, and recommend that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary cause the same to be completed, stating the length of time for which the returns are made, in all cases in which they embrace only a fraction of the year, and cause the same to be printed in the revised Journal.

Respectfully submitted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
ALF. D. JONES,
P. O. HOOPER,
JOS. H. GARDINER,
A. W. PHELPS,
H. F. HUBBARD,
PERRY B. CLARK.

Rep. Kent, of Colorado, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that, on examination of the printed Journal, we find no action has been taken on so much of the Grand Secretary's report to this Grand Body at the session of 1871, contained in the fifteenth resolution, and his suggestions thereto, which was referred to the Committee on Printing. (See pages 5043, 5131, 5163, of the printed Journal of 1871.)

Respectfully submitted.

O. O. KENT,
GEORGE DAMON,
PETER DARNELL,
ISAAC SIDES,
A. B. PLIMPTON.

Rep. Tompkins, of Alabama, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Past Grand Sires in attendance upon the present session of this R. W. Grand Lodge be allowed the same *per diem* and mileage computed upon the same basis allowed regular representatives.

On motion of Rep. Latham, of Virginia, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Carter, of Ohio, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Harcourt, of Texas, which is in the words following: "That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire into and report upon the following

question: 'Can a Degree Lodge refuse to confer a degree upon a brother who is unable to prove himself in the degree or degrees which he claims to have previovsly obtained, if the brother holds a certificate from his Lodge of his eligibility to the degree to which he desires to have conferred upon him?'" respectfully report that upon examination of the law we find that a Degree Master does not possess the right to refuse to confer a degree under the circumstances above stated. We, therefore, offer for your approval the following:

Resolved, That it is the duty of any Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate, if the holder is in good standing, to confer the degrees upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. CARTER,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
T. C. PORTER,
J. T. GIVEN,
B. FLETCHER, Jr.,
E. GOVER COX,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. Foulk, of Delaware, from the special committee on the Chicago Relief Fund, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred that part of the M. W. Grand Sire's report that relates to the Chicago fire, would respectfully report that they heartily concur in the action taken in the matter by the M. W. Grand Sire, and would, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Body views with pride and gratification the magnificent exemplification of the principles of Odd-Fellowship, as given by the entire brotherhood, in the prompt and most liberal aid to the suffering members of our Order in Chicago, and that the thanks of this R. W. Grand Body be and they are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodges and Encampments, Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and individual members, who so nobly contributed their funds for their relief.

Resolved, That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Body be and they are hereby tendered, J. Ward Ellis, G. R., E. B. Sherman, P. G., and John G. Rogers, P. G. M., the committee appointed for the distribution of funds and other contributions, for the efficient manner in which they discharged that duty. Also, to the R. W. Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for the very efficient services rendered by them for the relief of the suffering members of the Order.

WM. H. FOULK,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
J. H. BAKER,
ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN MEDOLE.

Rep. White, of New York, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have considered the resolution of Rep. Lamberton, on page 5450 of the Journal, in reference to the price of supplies, and in view of the condition of the finances

of this Grand Lodge, of the probable expense attending the preparation and printing of the new Ritual, and the probable decrease in the sales of the old Encampment and Degree Rituals, by reason of the proposed changes therein, recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the price of cards and certificates of dismissal be and the same hereby is fixed at fifteen cents each, and that the price of all other supplies remain as at present. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
J. H. ROBINSON,
ALBERT COHEN,
D. McLAREN,
ISRAEL HARRIS,
W. C. WILSON,
LEVI EMPIE,
W. W. MOORE.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment of Article IV, Section 1, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to Michigan, have considered the same, and will submit the following:

Resolved, That said amendment be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
J. M. PRICE,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
H. E. DODGE,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
O. B. WHITTEN.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Finance Committee submit the following statement of the estimated receipts and expenditures of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year :

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of R. W. Grand Treasurer, Sept. 18, 1872.....	$22,699 03
From Representative tax.....	9,300 00
From sale of cards.....	9,000 00
From sale of odes.....	1,000 00
From sale of diplomas.....	600 00
From sale of books.....	15,000 00
From sale of dismissal certificates and Rebekah cards.....	100 00
For charter fees.....	300 00
For dues from Subordinates.....	600 00
From interest on bonds.....	900 00
	$59,499 03

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES.

For mileage and per diem to Officers and Representatives		$17,000 00
For printing daily Journal		1,200 00
For printing revised Journal		5,500 00
For printing books		5,000 00
For printing odes and cards		1,600 00
For printing Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's reports		1,000 00
For salary of Grand Secretary		3,000 00
For salary Assistant to Grand Secretary		1,400 00
For pay to special Assistants to Grand Secretary, as much as may be necessary		500 00
For rent and fuel of Grand Secretary's office		600 00
For contingent fund and incidentals		1,000 00
For expenses of Committee on Secret Work as follows:		
John W. Stokes	$20 00	
C. N. Hickok	27 50	
Hugh Latham	5 00	
W. R. McLean	7 00	
John F. Havenner	7 00	
J. P. Sanders, three trips to Baltimore	70 70	
		137 50
For expenses of Past Special Deputy Grand Sire Morse in connection with the German Mission		1,100 00
To Gibson Bros., for printing and binding revised Ritual		48 50
To Gibson Bros., for printing resolutions of thanks		6 75
To J. F. Schweitzer for services at this session		30 00
		$39,152 75

Resolved, That the sum of $39,152.75, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes as is hereinabove expressed; and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his warrants upon the R. W. Grand Treasurer therefor, at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay proper bills as presented.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be directed to invest in United States Government Bonds, out of the surplus funds of the R. W. Grand Lodge, such sums from time to time as in his judgment may be for the best interests of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to sell from time to time such portion of the coupon bonds of this Grand Lodge as may be necessary to pay the warrants of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
J. H. ROBINSON,
ALBERT COHEN,
D. McLAREN,
ISRAEL HARRIS,
W. C. WILSON,
W. W. MOORE,
LEVI EMPIE.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Petitions, to which was referred a petition for a Grand Encampment for the Territory of Colorado, have examined the same and find the following to be the facts:

The petition was made out in July, 1871, and was before this Grand Lodge at its last session, at which time the committee reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, which report was not concured in, but that a resolution was adopted declaring it inexpedient to grant the charter applied for at that time.

The application is made by three Encampments in Colorado, and two others in Wyoming Territory ask to be placed under its jurisdiction.

Since the execution of the petition, another Encampment has been established in Colorado. If then, a Grand Encampment charter is granted, it will have a constituency of four subordinates in Colorado, and two in Wyoming, with, as we are assured, a certainty of adding several more during the year.

Your committee fully appreciate the necessities of our Patriarchal brethren in this far distant jurisdiction, and in the hope that the establishment of a Grand Encampment may greatly advance the interests of the Order, offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the Grand Encampment of Colorado, and that until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, the Encampments that now are, or may hereafter be established in Wyoming, be made subordinate to the same, provided that no expenses for representation shall be incurred by this Grand Lodge until there shall be the number of Encampments in the Territory of Colorado required by the constitution.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. EARL,
J. S. TICKNOR,
J. W. WHALLEY,
D. B. WHITAKER,
J. P. SANDERS,
JOHN T. HARCOURT,
J. C. SMITH.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application of Patriarchs W. C. PARK, D. N. FLITNER, C. S. BARLOW, CHAS. R. BISHOP, GEO. WILLIAMS, JOHN J. SMITHIES, G. HUMES and M. RAPLSE, asking for the restoration of the charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, of Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, having examined the papers in the case, find reason to believe that the applicants were all members of said Encampment at the time of the surrender of its charter, and that they are now members of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu. Being thus satisfied, and believing that the interest of the Order will be promoted by granting the prayer of the petitioners, offer the following:

Resolved, That the charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, of Honolulu, be restored to the petitioners, and that the Encampment be under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

W. C. EARL,
J. S. TICKNOR,
D. B. WHITAKER,
J. W. WHALLEY,
J. C. SMITH,
J. P. SANDERS,
JOHN T. HARCOURT.

Rep. Cox, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom were referred certain proposed additional Sections (6 and 7) to Article V of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, respectfully recommend that the same be approved. Respectfully submitted.

E. GOVER COX,
SEATON GALES,
HUGH LATHAM,
J. M. PRICE,
O. B. WHITTEN,
S. D. FAIRCHILD,
H. C. FUHRMANN.

The Chair named the following committees:

Committee in conformity with the resolution of Bro. Sanders, P. Grand Sire.—Reps. THOMPSON, of Missouri; MARIS, of Delaware; RYAN, of Wisconsin; BEHARRELL, of Indiana; TRAPP, of Kentucky.

Special Committee authorized by the resolution of Rep. Latham, of Virginia, adopted to-day, referring to the appeal case found on page 5522 *Journal.*—Reps. LATHAM, of Virginia; GAREY, of Maryland; HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia; BAKER, of Delaware; GALES, of North Carolinia.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. MEYER, of South Carolina, for the remainder of the session.

The hour having arrived fixed for adjournment, the Lodge was, by the Grand Sire, declared to be adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 20th, 1872—7 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this evening pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES:

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire having examined the Representatives, reported them to be correct, and by order of the M. W. Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, would respectfully report, that they have duly considered the question propounded, viz., "Is the retiring Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, at the December term, eligible to the office of Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge," are of opinion that if the successor of the retiring Noble Grand has been duly installed, and if said past officer possesses all other requisite qualifications at the time of his election, (Digest 877,) he is then eligible to the officer of Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Section 3, Article IX, Constitution, Journal, (1870,) 780, 782, 1192, 1372, 1385.

By the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, it is prescribed, (Article III, section 2,) "Representatives shall be elected by each subordinate from among its Past Grands in good standing." Until the Noble Grand has ceased to be such, and has become a Past Grand, he cannot be elected a Representative to the Grand Lodge of Texas. Whilst the question referred to your committee applies, by its terms, to eligibility in the Grand Lodge of Texas, at the request of Grand Rep. RICHARDSON your committee have considered it, whether applicable to representatives in this Grand Body or to that in which the question originated.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. GIVEN,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
E. GOVER COX,
J. WARD ELLIS,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. W. CARTER,
T. C. PORTER,
B. FLETCHER, JR.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to which was referred all that part of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's report, which relates to the preservation of the archives of the Order, work of the Order and Diagrams, and other valuable original papers and documents from loss by fire, respectfully report that the recommendations of these officers are so eminently proper that they do not deem it necessary to discuss them; they therefore ask leave to report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to purchase a suitable fire-proof safe, for the preservation against fire of the secret works, diagrams, and all original archives and documents, the loss of which would be irreparable, and that the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for that object.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to deposit the library of the Grand Lodge in some safe fire-proof building, if such depository can be found by him, in this or any neighboring city, and that such reasonable sum be paid for such custody as the elective Grand Officers may authorize.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby required to keep ample insurance against fire on all the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States in his custody.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the event of the said Grand Lodge rebuilding the present or erecting another hall, for the erection of a fire-proof building for his office and the custody of the property and archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to lease the same at a reasonable rental for ten years.

5. *Resolved*, That in the event of the inability of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to effect such arrangement with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that he, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, be and he is hereby authorized to inquire into and report to the next session of the Grand Lodge the probable cost of the purchase of a suitable lot of ground and erection of a fire-proof office for the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
HENRY LINDENBERG,
THOS. C. PORTER,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
H. F. GAREY.

Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your special committee on schools, &c., history of Odd-Fellowship, archives, library and stock, to whom was referred the consideration of these subjects, beg leave to report, that this committee was created at a late day of the present session of this body, so late a day that it is impossible to perform all or indeed any considerable portion of the duties devolved on your committee. They can, however, plan or arrange the subjects referred to them in a manner that will secure the object desired at no distant time.

Your committee recommend that a standing committee, to be composed of five members, who shall be called the Committee on Education and kindred subjects, whose duties shall be to consider and report on all subjects of schools, asylums, libraries, &c., shall be appointed.

Your committee recommend that they be discharged from all further consideration of the matters referred to them that are included within the duties allotted to the beforementioned commiitee, and that the name of your committee be changed and called "the Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship," whose duty it shall be to take such measures and make such arrangements as may be deemed necessary or proper to procure for preservation and publication a history of the Order of Odd-Fellows, from its inception to the present time, to procure papers, manuscripts, books, records, memoranda, and all such means of information and testimony, to communicate with all of such members of the Order, and others, who can furnish information thereon, and with all or any of the subordinate jurisdictions as will aid in collecting or furnishing any information on the subject of its history. At this time it is impossible for your committee to perform any of these duties. It will therefore be necesssary for your committee to be allowed until the next session of this Grand Lodge to report any action herein, which they respectfully ask may be granted.

They are impressed with the great necessity, at this time, to collect the history of Odd-Fellowship. Our Order is now extended over all of the United States, and we are colonizing other lands. It has arrived at a point of great prosperity and influence within a marvellously short time, when the results are considered.

The founders of the Order have all passed through the valley of the shadow of death. Those honored members who knew them before they departed are rapidly passing on to meet them again. Most of them are already gone. Since our last session, three of the most valued of them, and no one can say how soon we shall all leave, and we shall then lose the means of information that are of inestimable value in preserving our traditions and personal history.

It is obvious that it is of the highest importance that the memories of our early times and prosperous success should now be secured before they are lost.

It will be requisite that the expenses of those persons who may be employed to procure and prepare the material for the proposed publication, shall be paid, and we respectfully request that Grand Secretary RIDGELY shall aid us, and that he may be directed to do so.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
HENRY F. GAREY,
HENRY LINDENBERG,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
THOS. C. PORTER.

At 10½ o clock the Lodge, on motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9'clock.

SATURDAY, September 21st, 1872—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary, by general consent, presented the following communication:

NEW YORK, September 20th, 1872.

MY DEAR BROTHER RIDGELY: I had indulged the hope, for the last day or two, that possibly I might have the extreme pleasure of meeting the brethren at this session in the Grand Lodge of the United States, but much to my regret I am held captive by severe indisposition, and it will be impossible. Never have I had a stronger and more earnest desire to be present, and the deprivation is, as you may well imagine, a severe trial. Give my sincere regards to all the brethren, and permit me to say to them that I cordially congratulate them upon the wise and conservative legislation of the session, of which I have had the pleasure through your kindness to be advised daily With my best wishes for your health and strength,

Yours as ever,

JNO. A. KENNEDY.

On motion of Rep. ROBINSON, of Virginia, it was ordered that the letter be spread upon the Journal.

The Chair now proceeded to call the committees in order.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence, in closing their labors, desire to state that they would be doing great injustice to the M. W. Grand Sire and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary if special mention were not made of the manner in which the foreign and domestic correspondence of this Grand Lodge has been conducted during the year past.

The subjects presented to those officers are of vast range, and required for their successful disposition the highest order of prudence, wisdom and knowledge; and no one can read their reports at this session without a proud conviction that they have been fully equal to their responsibilities. We, therefore, present the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the marked industry and ability with which the correspondence of their respective offices has been conducted.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. HARMON,
J. D. TRAPP,
CHAS. N. HICKOK,
JAMES TURNER,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the rule was suspended for the remainder of the session, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Petitions would remark, that in the report of the M. W. Grand Sire it is set forth that a Subordinate Encampment had been authorized by dispensation, to be located at Batesville, Arkansas, during the recess; and whereas it appears by the written report of D. D. Grand Sire HOOPER that said Encampment has been duly instituted and the papers returned to the Grand Sire; now, therefore, though said papers have by some mischance failed to reach your committee, yet satisfied that the proceedings have been regular and proper, we offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the issuing of the dispensation by the M. W. Grand Sire be approved, and a charter be issued to Royal Encampment, No. 9, at Batesville, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. EARL,
J. B. WHITAKER,
J. P. SANDERS,
J. C. SMITH,
J. W. WHALLEY,
J. S. TICKNOR.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the call of the jurisdictions be dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be and he is hereby directed, at the earliest possible date, to transmit to each representative fifteen copies of the proceedings of Friday and this day's session.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, be added to the Committee on the Revision of the Secret Work.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution found upon page 4834, Journal of Proceedings, passed at the session of 1870, known as the "Sunday Law," does not conflict with the right of Subordinate Lodges, within the jurisdiction of State Grand Lodges, to lease their halls to other organizations, to be occupied on the Sabbath day.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, who have heretofore received a copy of the Digest, be entitled to receive a copy of the sheets or leaves containing the additions to the Digest.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved the following:

Strike out the fifth rule of order and change the numbers of the succeeding rules accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the subject was laid on the table.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, in obedience to instructions contained in the report of the Judiciary Committee, adopted by this Grand Lodge, and to be found on page 5526 printed Journal, directing this committee to report a law on the subject, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That when a member is being tried by a Subordinate Lodge for violating the obligation or divulging the secrets of any of the degrees, members who have not attained the degrees specified in the charge should be required to retire from the Lodge during the trial.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
A. B. CRANE,
D. N. BARROWS,
ERIE J. LEECH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
GEO. DEAN.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish R. H. MORRISON, P. G. Rep., a copy of the bound Journal.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, leave of absence was granted to Rep. MATHESON, of the Lower Provinces, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania Central, Nashville and Chattanooga, Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta, Wilmington and Weldon, Richmond, Petersburg and Fredericksburg, Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville, Kentucky Central, Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroad Companies, which have so generously permitted delegates to this session to pass over their respective roads at excursion rates.

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States are due and are hereby tendered to the proprietors of the "Baltimore American" and Bro. NOWELL, editor of the American Odd-Fellow, for their enterprise in procuring and publishing comprehensive reports of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body during the current session.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, moved to amend by adding the "Gazette" and "Sun."

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved further to amend by striking out the names of the specified newspapers and inserting the press generally, which was agreed to.

The amendment as amended was adopted, and the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the proper officers of such State Grand Bodies as authorize the issue of Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment certificates to members of extinct subordinates of such jurisdictions, be and hereby are requested to communicate the A. T. P. W., or authorize the same to be so done, to those receiving such certificate according to law, in order that they may avail themselves of the privilege to visit as accorded by Section 425 of Digest.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: Since our last session death has invaded the jurisdiction of New Jersey and removed from our midst two of her honored sons who have represented the Grand Lodge in this body. The men whose death we mourn appeared in this Lodge

when the Order was young and the jurisdiction they represented was feeble in comparison with its present position. Many of those who, thirty years ago, sat with them in council, have preceded them to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." To them and their associates who battled against the persecution of the age, and diligently sought to extend the sentiment of brotherhood and place the institution on a solid basis, the Order owes its present proud position. The names of our deceased brothers, who have recently gone from earth, are to be found on almost every page of the earlier records of our Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and their efforts in the cause of Odd-Fellowship will not soon be forgotten.

Marshal C. Holmes represented the Grand Lodge of New Jersey at its annual session in 1844, and the special and annual sessions in 1845. Our brother was born in Massachusetts, September 13, 1811, and removed to Trenton, New Jersey, in 1837. August 14th, 1838, he was initiated in Trenton Lodge, No. 3, and served in several subordinate offices until March 3 1840, when he was elected Noble Grand. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge August 6, 1840, and at the same session was elected Grand Secretary. In 1842 he was placed in the chair of Grand Master, and his zeal in the cause greatly aided in building up the Order in his jurisdiction. He personally visited all the Lodges in existence, and during his brief term of service instituted nine new Lodges, thus doubling the number of Lodges and increasing the membership from 700 to 1300. He was elected Grand Representative in 1844 and 1845, was appointed D. D. Grand Sire for New Jersey in 1845, and was present as a petitioner at the institution of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey in 1843. In 1853 he became a member of South Trenton Lodge, No. 36, and continued so until his death. On the 11th day of May, 1872, the heart that had so often throbbed for others woes ceased its beatings; the hand so frequently opened to the calls of humanity dropped lifeless, and it was sadly announced that our brother had been summoned from among us. Bro. Holmes ever maintained the respect of his fellow-citizens as a man as well as an Odd-Fellow. The Order mourns the loss of one of its oldest and most faithful members, whose record in the cause to which he early attached himself is a beacon light to guide those who, like him, have enlisted under the banner of Odd-Fellowship.

Richard Brandt was one of the petitioners for a charter for Trenton Lodge, No. 3, and was present at the institution of the Lodge, August 3d, 1833, the day the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was organized, the granting of a charter for No. 3 being the first act of that Grand Body. He was admitted a member of the Grand Lodge in 1840, and in 1842 was elected Grand Representative, and occupied a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the session in Baltimore, September, 1842. At the session of 1843 he received from Grand Sire Hopkins the appointment of Grand Guardian, and officiated in that position at the important sessions of 1843, 1844, and 1845 He was present as a petitioner for the charter at the institution of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, in 1848. Like his associate, who only a few days before was summoned from the busy scenes of earth, he devoted much of his time to the advancement of the Order, at a period when the laborers in the vineyard were few, and he had the satisfaction of seeing the tender plant so carefully nursed grow to magnificent proportions and extend over every part of the State.

In the city of Trenton, on the 4th day of June, 1872, at the age of seventy-one, our brother, full of years and of honors, departed this life, regretted by all who knew him.

Rep. Harris, of New Jersey, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: As one of the Representatives of the jurisdiction of New Jersey, it becomes my sad duty to announce the death of Past Grand Representative FRANK R. FORCE, of Newark.

By his decease we have lost an earnest, efficient, warm-hearted brother, one whom in life the Odd-Fellows of New Jersey honored and loved, and whom dead, they will not forget.

Brother FORCE was a member of Eagle Lodge, No. 136, and of Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 3. He was initiated in this Order in the city of Buffalo, in 1849, where he passed the chairs. Removing to Newark, New Jersey, he became a member of Protection Lodge, No. 28, on the 9th of May, 1853. He was District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3 in 1857. In 1855 he was elected Grand Junior Warden by the Grand Encampment, and filled, successively, the chairs of Grand Senior Warden and Grand High Priest. In 1859 he was elected Grand Patriarch, in 1865 Grand Scribe, and in 1866 was elected Grand Representative to this Grand Body, where he served during the sessions of 1867 and 1868.

Thus, through many years was he a constant worker in the cause, always animated by the most untiring spirit in his efforts in its behalf.

Of him as a citizen only praise may be uttered. As such, and as an old Odd-Fellow, long will his presence continue to be missed, his loss to be mourned. Like all humanity he had his frailties, but the tomb enfolds them with his body. We cherish only the memory of his virtues. Worthy of the honor, let his name be added to the roll of our illustrious dead, where it will still be preserved when the marble above him shall have mouldered away.

Rep. HASELTINE, of Maine, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my duty, in behalf of the Maine delegation, to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of EDWARD P. GEERISH, Past Grand Representative, who died at his home, in Portland, Maine, November 25th, 1871.

In the early days of Odd-Fellowship in our State, Bro. GEERISH was active and zealous for its advancement and prosperity, and its season of depression. He continued faithful and earnest in the discharge of his duties to our beloved Order, with whose interests he was so intimately identified.

Bro. GEERISH was a member of this Grand Lodge in the year 1857.

Rep. HARTSHORN, of New Hampshire, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is my melancholy duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Lodge the death of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Patriarch, TIMOTHY G. SENTER, of New Hampshire, who died at Portland, Maine, (being there on a visit to his friends,) August 7th, 1872, aged 55 years and six months.

Bro. SENTER was initiated in Piscataway Lodge, No. 6, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in December, 1844, and immediately after was chosen to fill important offices of trust and responsibility; in July, 1846, he was chosen Noble Grand, and in 1847 he represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and in the same year he was elected to represent the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in this Right Worthy Grand Lodge; in 1849 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, the duties of which office he performed with his usual promptness, zeal and fidelity. He joined the Encampment Branch of the Order in 1846; was elected Chief Patriarch of Strawberry Bank, No. 5, in 1848; entered the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire in 1849; chosen Grand Patriarch in 1852;

was chosen to represent the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire in this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1851 and 1852, from the Grand Lodge in 1853 and 1854, and again from the Grand Encampment in 1855 and 1856, when he was elected Deputy Grand Sire of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the years 1857 and 1858.

Bro. SENTER was a good Odd-Fellow; with him Odd-Fellowship was not a mere sentiment, but a principle, which he exemplified in the duties of every day life as well as in the Lodge room, and from his first connection with the Lodge until called to remove from the State by the pressing duties of life, he was a constant attendant at the weekly meetings of his Lodge, and always ready to perform any duty which the interest of the Order required of him.

His intellect was of no common order. This no one could doubt who had ever listened to his conversation or heard him in debate. His perceptions were quick, his reasoning powers acute, strong and powerful. Having but few advantages of an early education, passing the first years of his life as an apprentice, he, by his almost unaided efforts, acquired an excellent education, and at once took an unusually high position as a school teacher, a position which he continued to hold and advance in for over thirty years, and which declining health compelled him to relinquish but a short time before his death. A tender husband, a kind father, an affectionate friend, an accommodating neighbor and a devoted christian has passed from earth.

For many years a member of our Order, he has left behind him a bright and almost peerless record of fidelity to its principles and devotion to its welfare; let the memory of his deeds and the influence of his life and character be with us still. He speaks through these; let us listen to such voices, and may our own hearts be made better by such teachings.

My brothers, we have lost an able, an honest and true man. I knew him intimately. Sadly I offer this humble tribute to his virtues and his memory.

Rep. GARDINER, of New Hampshire, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is my duty to announce to the Grand Lodge of the United States the decease of Past Grand Representative and Past Grand Patriarch, STEPHEN H. SIMES, of New Hampshire, who died at Portsmouth, December 3d, 1871, in the 70th year of his age. Bro. SIMES was initiated into the Order on the 18th of February, 1846, in New Hampshire Lodge, No. 17, located at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In 1849 he entered the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. In 1851 he was elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and acted as such during the sessions of 1851 and 1852.

Bro. SIMES was a man possessing high social qualities. He discharged with fidelity the offices and trusts conferred upon him, not only by his own Lodge, but by his Grand Lodge. In his death society has lost a man who, by strict integrity in all his relations in life, won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. He was a kind parent, an upright citizen, and an honest man, and his memory will be cherished and kept in the hearts of those who possessed his confidence and friendship.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: Maryland again mourns the decease of one of the early pioneers of American Odd-Fellowship. On the 12th day of July last, at the ripe age of 73 years, at his home and in the midst of his family, AUGUSTUS MATHIOT was sud-

denly called away from the work of earth, he having fully completed it in the most honorable and successful manner. A sketch of his valuable life, by the R. W. Grand Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, is so appropriate to my purpose that I have adopted it in lieu of anything of my own on the subject. It proceeds as follows:

"The distinguished brother, whose name appears at the head of this paper, is one of the three only surviving members of Washington Lodge, No. 1, of the past generation, who were contemporary with WILDEY; they are all well stricken in years, but still at active labor.

Bro. AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, P. G. M., as the name will readily suggest, is of French extraction, and is a lineal descendant of Huguenot ancestry. He was born in the city of Baltimore, on the 4th of August, 1799. His parents gave him such advantages of education as the then very limited opportunity admitted of; he was, however, trained to industry, under good example and influences, and reached his majority a thoroughly instructed and skillful artist and mechanic in the several branches of fancy painting. His business career was commenced in the capacity of superintendent of an extensive chair manufactory, which he managed to the entire satisfaction of his employer for several years. He pursued the study of books at all opportunities which presented themselves, and for his better mental improvement connected himself with debating and historical societies, and frequented the company of gentlemen of education and scientific attainments. Habits of thought, and a desire for intellectual culture were thus established in youth, which continued in companionship with him during a long life.

He was initiated in Washington Lodge, No. 1, at Baltimore, in the fall or winter of 1822, at which precise date cannot now be ascertained, in consequence of the loss of the first minutes. This Lodge had been then only about two or three years in existence, and was composed for the most part of persons of foreign birth; they were working men, and the body was pretty much a social or convivial association. He was admitted for the sum of one dollar, which was the regular fee. The place of meeting was a public house, known as Adams' Tavern, situate at the corner of Water street and Marsh Market Space, second floor. Upon his initiation he was designated as No. 177, it being the rule to number the members in the order of their admission. It may be readily imagined that MATHIOT was quite an accession to this society; he was a young man of intelligence and full of energy and ambition, he therefore soon acquired the respect of his brethren and a corresponding just influence. He passed rapidly through all the offices, from that of Outside Guardian to the highest chair, and acquitted himself of his duty in each with great credit. At this period, about the year 1825, the Lodge was removed from its then locality to the public house of THOMAS WILDEY, corner of Bridge and Jones streets.

The character of the body and its general membership suffered in the public mind, from its meeting at a public house, and Bro. MATHIOT was exercised seriously about continuing his connection with such a society. He was impressed with the conviction that if properly reformed, it might be made an instrumentality of great good among the working classes, but that under its then organization and standing it was unworthy of his, or any other person's attention who had any sense of self-respect. This is plain language, but it is nevertheless true, that such was Odd-Fellowship as late as the year 1823. To reform the Lodge, and render it at all respectable, there was but a single remedy, and that was to rid it entirely of its convivial character. To accomplish this was an up-hill work. The members were all of that class who enjoyed a social glass, many of them tavern-keepers, and the great idea of the Society, besides the personal gratification of its members, appeared to be the advantage of the host. Bro. MATHIOT, nevertheless, resolved to make the effort to correct the vital abuse, and if possible, to elevate the standard of the Lodge. While he was casting about

for aid and co-operation in this regard, and devising the proper way and means of operation, a circumstance transpired which not only hastened his movements in that direction, but decided forever the fortunes of the Lodge. He had applied for membership in Warren Lodge, of the Masonic Order; his application was rejected, and for the reason that he was a member of a so-called Lodge of Odd-Fellows, which was alleged to be in fact a bacchanalian club. Brother MATHIOT was greatly mortified at this result; he asked for and obtained from the committee a certificate, that his rejection was exclusively on the ground of his connection with Washington Lodge of Odd-Fellows, and an assurance of its willingness to report favorably as to character if he would withdraw from membership with the Odd-Felows. This proceeding determined the course of Bro. MATHIOT. He visited Washington Lodge and submitted a resolution that the bar be abolished and removed from the Lodge-room, and that thenceforth no liquor of any kind should be used therein, as follows:

Resolved, That this Lodge will hereafter abolish the use of liquor of any kind in the Lodge-room.

This resolution was supported by the brother in an eloquent and powerful appeal in its behalf, which produced the desired effect. The resolution was adopted. A brother now living, MAURICE FENNEL, who was present in the Lodge on that night, says, in reference to that speech, that such was its force and influence that it not only reformed the Lodge, but also many of the individual members, and that for himself he has never ceased to remember with gratitude Bro. MATHIOT's appeal on the occasion.

From this period of time, Washington Lodge entered upon a new career; the effect of the new order of things was twofold, the Lodge lost membership by the retirement of the disaffected, and gained by the acquisition of better material, thus profiting both ways.

In a little while the Order in Baltimore so increased that Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Columbia Lodge, No. 3, and William Tell Lodge, No. 4, were severally formed; and in 1831, in the face of formidable difficulties, they cut loose from THOMAS WILDEY's public house, and built the first Odd-Fellows' hall in the United States.

It is claimed for Bro. MATHIOT that he alone set on foot this important movement, which saved the Order from self-immolation. From that day he never ceased, through a period of fifty years, to devote his time, his talents, and his means to the good cause. He passed into the Grand Lodge of the State in 1830; in 1831 was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in virtue of his office became Grand Master upon the resignation of the Grand Master; was Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States from 1836 to 1840; was elected Grand Master for a second time in 1836; was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States from 1829 to 1833, and in that capacity was the first officer who printed the minutes of that body in pamphlet form; was Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge of the United States from 1833 to 1836; was one of the charter members of the first Grand Encampment authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1831, of which Grand Body he was the second Grand Patriarch, being the immediate successor of Bro. WILDEY.

To the last day of his life he continued at labor in the Order with unabated zeal, and might be seen in Washington Lodge taking an active interest in its prosperity, in the Grand Lodge of the State, in the Grand and Subordinate Encampment, of which he was member, and on such committees to which he might be assigned.

His early taste for literary and scholastic attainments became, as he advanced in life, an all-controlling passion, and led him to the study of languages, in several of which he became proficient. During the last two years he has, by invitation of Lodges, lectured on several occasions upon archæology and general antique researches, displaying a thorough familiarity with this branch of learning. In the early days of Odd-Fellowship

he was one of a very few whose circumstances in life permitted him to extend courtesies and hospitalities to the Grand Representatives upon their sojourn in Baltimore, and on all such occasions it was his highest pleasure to co-operate with Bros. WILDEY, BOYD, LUCAS, and a few others in rendering those amenities and fraternities to the representatives which has ever since been continued.

But he is gone! and thus, one by one, the living land-marks are removed, and we are called upon to part with the fathers of the Order.

Rep. Cox, of Maryland, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Among the number of the honored dead who have in past years labored assiduously for the promotion of the principles of Odd-Fellowship, and who were permitted to live to witness their benificent influence over States and Territories, Islands and Continents, it becomes my melancholy duty to announce the death of Rep. JOHN BOYD, P. G., who was one of the pioneers in Odd-Fellowship in America. When Odd-Fellowship was first instituted in the city of Baltimore, in the year 1819, each member had his appropriate number, representing the number of initiations. Rep. JOHN BOYD, P. G., was the seventeenth in the order of membership, and the first Grand Guardian of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a position which he held for several years. In 1825 he was proxy Representative of Pennsylvania, and subsequently held the same position for the jurisdiction of Delaware.

The then future of Odd-Fellowship was sealed from human eyes; her votaries were compelled to suffer the buffetings of the rude jester, the reproach of honest, though bigoted men, the condemnation of church and clergy, and they were often looked upon with scorn and contempt by men of wealth and influence in the country. But the contemporaries of WILDEY were not to be deterred. With unfaltering energy, like the Spartan band, they fought their way against every opposition, achieving a triumphant victory, and gave to us this grand institution. He continued a faithful member of the Order to the close of his long and eventful life. Often have I heard him, in company with the lamented MATHIOT, recount his early trials and triumphs in the cause of Odd-Fellowship. But he is gone. Another link is shattered at the very beginning of our chain of fraternity, and in a few years the last of the associates of WILDEY will have vanished from the scene. All honor to the memory of our illustrious dead.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is with a sad heart and a consciousness of my inability to do justice to the memory of one whose demise it has fallen to my lot to announce, that I arise to address this Grand Lodge.

Since the closing of the last communication of this body, the Order in Maryland has been called upon to mourn the loss of some of her brightest lights in Odd-Fellowship; prominent among the number is to be found the name of Representative JAMES YOUNG, P. G., who departed this life March 6, 1872, after a short but painful illness.

Bro. YOUNG was admitted to membership in Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of this city, April 26th, 1841, and Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, on November 5th of the same year, and passed the chairs in both branches of the Order at an early day, and from the time of his admission into the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, he was never absent from a single session. He was frequently honored by them with many positions of trust

and responsibility, all of which he filled with honor and credit, both to the Order and himself.

He was essentially a working Odd-Fellow, as the records of Lodge and Encampment, Board of Managers, Joint Standing Library Committee, and the Committee on Education of Odd-Fellow's Orphans, of this city, especially bears ample evidence of years of labor, well and faithfully performed. He has been connected with this Grand Lodge, either as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, or as printer, for twenty-five years, and of these services I need not speak, as all of you must well remember them. His genial and smiling countenance is familiar to you all. Few members enjoyed a more general and intimate acquaintance with the membership of this Grand Lodge than Bro. YOUNG. Upon the assembling of the Grand Lodge of the United States in this city, he was among the first to greet its members with an open hand and heart, and a kindly welcome was ever upon his lips. As a citizen, few men enjoyed more of the esteem and respect of the entire community than he. With him passed away the useful citizen, the kind and indulgent husband and father, and the zealous Odd-Fellow. "Fifty-six years of age" is the inscription on his tombstone. It seems a short life, but in God's sight it was long enough to do that for which he had been sent, and surely our brother has not lived in vain.

If it be worth living for to win the esteem of a whole community, the love of warm and devoted friends, and the respect of all, then he has not lived in vain. If it is a noble object of human aspiration to fulfill all life's duties faithfully and fully, to be equal to every position in which we are placed, to bear life's burdens honorably to ourselves and usefully to others, then, indeed, our brother has not lived in vain; he has borne his cross and he now wears his crown.

> "While the soft memory of his virtues yet lingers
> Like twilight hues when the bright sun has set."

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of the Columbia, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: The District of Columbia has been again called upon to mourn the loss of one of her oldest and most efficient Past Grands.

On the 2d day of June, of this year, Past Grand Master JOHN SESSFORD departed this life after a continuous service in our Order of thirty-five years.

Few men have been so highly honored or have advanced so rapidly to the highest offices.

He was initiated in Washington Lodge, No. 6, December 12, 1837, and having passed the chairs was admitted to the Grand Lodge, July 8, 1839, in which body he was repeatedly elected to office, reaching the position of Grand Master November 13, 1843, and by his ability and faithfulness rendered his administration very successful and did much to advance the cause of fraternity in our community.

Honors seem to seek him, and we find him a member of this Right Worthy Grand Body, serving his constituents during the years 1847, 1848, 1849 and part of 1850, and again after an interval of one year filling the honorable position of Grand Marshal of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge in 1851 and 1852.

Highly as he appreciated these marks of the confidence and esteem of his brethren, his greatest pride was in filling an office more humble in the estimation of many, but by him considered the most important and most honorable of any which he had filled. It was as chairman of the school committee of his Subordinate Lodge that he rendered his most efficient service; he was personally known to each of the widows and orphans, and

looked upon as almost a parent by these fatherless and afflicted ones, who knew that in him they had indeed a true friend and wise counsellor, whose ear was ever open to their wants, and whose heart and hand was always ready to do them service.

To listen, as it has been my privilege, to his recital of the many touching incidents which occurred during his visits, and while pursuing his visitations among them, would have stirred to its depths the heart of any man, and the effect could not have been other than to make the hearer a better Odd-Fellow and a better man.

He had his failings, his weakness as we all have, but his good deeds will live after him and form a lasting monument to his memory.

"The star is not extinguished when it sets
Upon the dull horizon; it but goes
To shine in other skies, then reappear
In ours, as fresh as when it first arose.
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The bright sun dies not when the shadowing orb
Of the eclipsing moon obscures its ray;
It still is shining on, and soon to us
Will burst undimmed into the joy of day.
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Thus nothing dies, or only dies to live,
Star, stream, sun, flower, the dewdrop and the gold,
Each goodly thing, instinct with buoyant hope,
Hastens to put on its purer, finer mould.

Softly within their peaceful resting place
We lay their wearied limbs, and bid the clay
Press lightly on them till the night is past.
And the far East gives note of coming day."

Let us hope when the great day comes our brother may hear the welcome proclamation, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is a duty we owe to worthy members of our beloved Order to see that their names, after a well-spent life, are properly inscribed upon the enduring monument erected by Odd-Fellowship.

Amongst those who have recently passed from this life, whose memories are cherished by a very large circle of acquaintances and friends, no one is more deserving of a prominent place than JOSEPH RICHARDSON, Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware, who died January 14, 1872.

He was very early in life initiated into Delaware Lodge, No. 1, and remained a consistent and useful member of the Order until death terminated his membership. Immediately after his connection with the Order, he became an active and zealous member, proving himself, in a very short time, worthy of and receiving the highest honors within the bestowal of his Lodge. In his desire to extend the Order, he united with others in the formation of a new Lodge, and succeeded in founding Hope Lodge, No. 21, now the largest and one of the most prosperous in the State of Delaware, and a very large share of the credit for this grand result is due P. G. Rep. RICHARDSON, Jr., for the care taken in the foundation of the Lodge and continued efforts to promote its prosperity thereafter.

He became a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1858, and was re-elected as Representative from his Grand Lodge for a second term at the time when the practice of sending a Representative for one

term only prevailed, which fact fully attests the high estimation in which he was held by his brethren.

It would be impossible, in the short space which propriety allots for this purpose, to refer to many of the noble and generous traits of the subject of these remarks, and I can only say, in concluding this brief notice, that P. G. Rep. RICHARDSON'S excellent moral and social standing in the community and the Order justly secured for him the universal respect and admiration of all who knew him.

Rep. CLARK, of Vermont, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my mournful duty, for the first time in the history of the jurisdiction of Vermont, to announce the death of a member of this Grand Body, one who sat by my side at the last session as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Soon after his return to his home he was suddenly cut down while in the discharge of his duties as a citizen and Odd-Fellow. I allude to Grand Rep. JOHN H. SIMMONS, who died at Middleburg, Vermont, on the 20th day of December, 1871, at the age of fifty years.

For more than twenty years he was an ardent, zealous and efficient member of the Order, doing much in both branches to promote and extend them in the Mountain State. When the fires of Odd-Fellowship were burning dimly, and this Grand Lodge sent a commissioner to make an effort to revive the work, that officer was most cordially and fraternally welcomed by our warm-hearted brother, then acting Grand Master, who accompanied him on his mission, urging with his whole soul and earnest appeals the brethren, that the latent spirit might be so aroused, that Odd-Fellowship might once more unfurl its banner and plant its standard among the Green Mountains. This effort was measurably successful, and a debt of gratitude is due for this beneficient result to him whom it has become my duty to offer this memorial tribute. Having held most of the offices of the Lodge, Encampment and Grand Lodge, and stood faithful in its darkest hours, and aided so materially in its revival, at the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1870 he was unanimously elected Grand Master, and at the end of his term of service, in 1871, with great unanimity was elected Representative to this Grand Lodge. He was faithful to the trust, watching with a vigilant eye the business presented at the last session for its consideration, in no equivocal manner approving or condemning each measure as his judgment dictated might promote or injure the interests of Odd-Fellowship.

As a man and a citizen, Brother SIMMONS was quiet and unobstructive in all the walks of life, yet ever zealous and active in the discharge of duties both in public and private stations. He enjoyed the high regard of his fellow citizens and the love and veneration of his brethren. Few, if any in our jurisdiction, were more conversant with the laws, usages and privileges of the Order, and his place cannot be easily supplied. Long will his memory be cherished by his brethren, as a faithful officer, devoted friend and true Odd-Fellow.

It also becomes my duty to further announce, that death for a second time invaded our jurisdiction, removing another zealous and faithful brother, who was honored with a seat upon this floor, at the sessions of 1854 and 1855, Past Grand Master WILLIAM P. RUSSELL. He served on the important special committee, appointed at the session of 1854, to prepare a plan by which the two branches of the Order might be merged. He served with great fidelity in that capacity, spending a large amount of valuable time in endeavoring to secure a plan of harmonious mergement, and he deeply regretted that no satisfactory result could be reached to accomplish what he believed to be so desirable for the welfare of the Order and the promulgation of the principles of Odd-Fellowship. He was a member of the Committee on Constitutions at the session of 1855.

He was ever among the foremost and most ardent friends of every measure which promised to be interesting to the Order or beneficial to the brotherhood. As Past Grand Representative RUSSELL was one of the fathers of the institution in our jurisdiction, so he was one of its pillars during his life, enjoying the respect and love of the entire fraternity. He was the delight of the social circle, as the husband and father in the bosom of a happy but now most afflicted family. A large circle of friends lament him gone with an affectionate remembrance.

Past Grand Representatives SIMMONS and RUSSELL were both members of Lake Dunmore Lodge, at Middleburg. As they were co-laborers in the promotion of the benevolent designs of the institution—faithful in everything—they were not long separated in their deaths—only a month intervening between their passage to that "bourne from whence no traveller ere returns."

Honored and loved in life, their memories will long be cherished by the Odd-Fellows of Vermont as shining lights, whose zeal and devotion to the cause are worthy of emulation.

Pursuant to the resolution adopted Friday morning, September 20, upon the motion of Rep. DEWOLFE, of Indiana, the following is submitted for record:

HALL OF G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.
Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1872.

THOMAS UNDERWOOD, P. G. REP., *Lafayette, Indiana.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Grand Lodge this morning authorized the publication in the revised Journal of a suitable memoir upon the life, character, and services of Past Deputy Grand Sire MILTON HERNDON.

Our acquaintance with Bro. HERNDON being very slight, and knowing of your warm attachment for him and intimate knowledge of his history, we earnestly request you to prepare such a memorial as you deem proper, and forward it to Grand Secretary RIDGELY at as early a day as possible.

Truly and fraternally yours,

W. H. DEWOLFE, G. REP.
JAMES PIERCE, "
THOS. G. BEHARRELL, G. REP.
C. R. CORY, G. REP.
Indiana Delegation.

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, September 25, 1872.

W. H. DEWOLFE, JAMES PIERCE, THOS. G. BEHARRELL, C. R. CORY,
Grand Representatives G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.

MY VALUED BRETHREN: Yours of the 20th instant is duly received, in which you unite in asking that I should prepare the memoir on the death of our most distinguished and dearly beloved co-worker, Past Deputy Grand Sire MILTON HERNDON, as authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

I trust I am fully conscious of the high honor you bestow in assigning to me the performance of the task, and herewith submit the accompanying memorial.

With warmest sentiments of esteem and brotherly affection, believe me,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

THOS. UNDERWOOD.

Rep Ellis, of Illinois, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

To the representatives of Illinois falls the sad duty of announcing the death of a former member of this body from that jurisdiction, Edward A. Rucker, P. D. G. M., who departed this life June 19th last, still in the period of manly strength, aged only fifty years. Born in Frankfort, Ky., he went with his father to Ohio, and was at the age of fifteen a clerk under Gen. Harrison, afterward President. In 1837 he went to Chicago, where he passed the rest of an active and useful life. His facility with the pen, his versatility, and above all, his conscientious accuracy, which was with him a pervading passion rather than a laborious purpose, immediately gained him employment and office in city and county, and the first published map of the infant city was by him Turning himself to the profession of law, he quickly attained eminence in the departments of practice relating to land, to the duties of sheriffs and county officers, and to probate business. The detection and successful prosecution of a crafty rogue might have opened to him a career in that direction; but the distress of the criminal's innocent family touched his tenderness of heart so deeply that he abandoned such business at once and forever.

He was initiated in Duane Lodge, No 11, in July or August, 1845, and at once passed through all the elective offices, and entered the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1847, where he immediately took foremost rank in the transaction of business and the formation of the Constitution of that body. Soon after, he became Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance, and kept the pledge of that Order through life. For many years he did not return to the Grand Lodge; but from 1862 he was a constant attendant and laborious member, generally serving on the Judiciary Committee, and writing most of its reports. A member of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1863 and 1864, he was at once honored with a place on the Committee of Appeals, where his reports show his peculiar ability.

It is a sad thing to say that his work ended a year before his life ceased. For eight years that fearful disease, cancer, slowly spread its deadly roots in his face until it had destroyed cheek and eye, and reached his brain. This long life of torture he bore with indomitable courage and unvarying patience. From the all-devouring conflagration of our city, he was snatched by the courage, devotion, and energy of his sister and her adopted daughter, when he was a helpless invalid, himself preferring to die in the general destruction. With tender and heroic endurance they smoothed his passage to the tomb through weary months of anguish, till all of earth's trials and agonies were over.

Bro. Rucker was a zealous Odd-Fellow, an affectionate brother, an upright man, a faithful officer, an honored and trusted citizen, and a firm friend. His intimate acquaintances were few, but steadfastly attached to him. Long will his valuable labors in our jurisdiction bring to his memory grateful recollection and well-earned honors.

MILTON HERNDON, born September 20, 1801, Georgetown, Kentucky. Died June 3, 1872, Crawfordsville, Indiana, aged 70 years, 8 months and 13 days. Initiated June 16, 1846, Centre Lodge, No. 18, Indianapolis, Indiana. Transferred his membership October 21, 1846, to Montgomery Lodge, No. 38, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Charter member January 29, 1861, of Crawfordsville Lodge, No. 223, Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he held his membership at the time of his death. Admitted to Grand Lodge of Indiana, January 12, 1847. Elected D. G. Master Grand Lodge of Indiana, July 12, 1848. Elected Grand Master Grand Lodge of Indiana July 17, 1850. Admitted to Grand Lodge United States, September 17, 1855. Elected Deputy Grand Sire, September 18, 1860.

While a christian age teaches us that we should bury beneath the sod all the vices and imperfections of the vicious when they pass from earth, and blot their life-errors from memory, is it not equally imperative that we should record the virtues and the excellencies which are bequeathed to the world when good men die, that those who remain, as well as those who shall come after, may be strengthened in an upright course of life by the perusal of that record?

When the statesman and patriot dies, encomiums upon his life and character pour forth from the lips of senator and sage, while the nation not only teaches her children first to lisp his name with reverence, but erects pillars of enduring marble upon which his virtues thereon engraved may be read in time to come.

When upon the battle field the brave and heroic defender of his country's cause and fame falls by the sword, his memory is honored, his name revered, his grave made sacred, and his character praised, not only by friends, but ofttimes even by foes

And when the good man—when a human benefactor, after many years spent in acts of kindness, is "gathered to his fathers," is it not fitting, as we contemplate his life, that we should record *his* virtues, and thus transmit them to our children?

We have been called upon to give back to dust the remains of our aged and valued friend and brother, Past Deputy Grand Sire MILTON HERNDON, who, when the "weight of years was upon him," with life's work fully accomplished, fell asleep, having passed the extreme age of three score years and ten.

As was a WILDEY to the Grand Lodge of the United States, so was a HERNDON to the Grand Lodge of Indiana—the Patriarch of Patriarchs. Though occupying an humble and retired position in life, his goodness of heart was proverbial, his love for his fellow men and their welfare was a leading feature in his life; and to these must be assigned the reason of his strong attachment to our Order and its principles, and his daily practice of those principles.

For twenty-six years a zealous and active member of the Order, we fail to find, after a careful study of his record, a single instance of his departure from those rules which should govern the conduct of every true Odd-Fellow. To such an extent had he engrafted himself in the hearts of his brethren, that no place or position, from the lowest to the highest in our Order that he wished, but it was bestowed upon him; and so true to his obligations as an Odd-Fellow, that wherever placed he acquitted himself with distinction, never failing to call forth from his associates the plaudit, "well done."

But life's work with father HERNDON is finished, and he has been gathered to his reward.

We can assign to the widow who survives him the bright memories of his well-spent life; we can hand down to his children and his children's children the rich legacy of a noble example; but which of his brethren in the Order is worthy to wear his honored mantle, time alone can make known.

Venerable Patriarch, we bid thee farewell, a sorrowful, though an affec-

tionate farewell, but we part with thee assuring the world that thou hast won for thyself this tribute, that

"Such was our friend. Formed on the good old plan,
A true, and brave, and downright honest man;
He blew no trumpet in the market place,
Nor in the Church with hypocritic face
Supplied with cant the lack of christian grace;
Loathing pretense, he did with cheerful will
What others talked of, while their hands were still;
And while 'Lord, Lord,' the pious tyrants cried,
Who in the poor, the Master crucified:
His daily prayer far better understood
In acts than words, was simply DOING GOOD.
So calm, so constant was his rectitude,
That by his loss alone we know its worth,
And feel how true a man has walked with us on earth."

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication:

BOSTON, HIGHLANDS, MASS.,
Friday, September 20, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I desire that you announce to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States the death of my beloved father, a past member of your honorable body, Rep. JOSEPH B. FROST. He passed away yesterday after many months of great suffering.

His last hours were made happier by the kindly ministrations of devoted brethren, and he died blessing the noble Order in which he had labored so long and so faithfully.

He will be buried on Monday, at his native place, Marblehead, Mass., by Atlanta Lodge of that town and Oriental Lodge of this city, both of which claim him as their father. I remain, dear sir,

Yours, in F. L. and T.,
WM. S. FROST.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5532, from the Committee on Returns, on the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5534, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, referring to the remissness of State Grand Bodies in allowing subordinates to adopt laws inconsistent with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5535, from the Legislative Committee, on the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, page 5491, touching the status of certain Noble Grands in said jurisdiction, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, relating to granting State Grand Bodies sole control of all property owned by their subordinates, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5536, from the same committee, on the amendment to the by-laws offered by Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, page 5465, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved indefinitely to postpone the whole subject, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative, and by-law 28, as thus amended, was accordingly adopted, two-thirds having voted therefor.

The next report, page 5539, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, touching the price of the new Charge book, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5541, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of JOSEPH DOWDALL, P. G. Rep., from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5542, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to Australasia, the Order in Peru and the West Indies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5543, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. MORSE, of California, to abolish the Past Official Degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5550, from the same committee, on the amendment of Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, to the resolution of 1864, found on page 3709, was considered.

The minority report on the same subject was considered in connection with the majority.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report, Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by substituting the minority report, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the majority report, it was adopted.

The next report, page 5551, from the special committee on Rebekah degree, was considered.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the subject was postponed till next session.

The next report, page 5552, from the Committee on Returns, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the question therein stated, touching the conferring of degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5553, from the special committee on the fire in Chicago, returning thanks to contributors to that fund, and to the committee which distributed it, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, on page 5450, relative to the price of supplies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5554, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the committee on Finance, on the estimates and expenditures of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5556, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application for a Grand Encampment of Colorado, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was not agreed to.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the application for the restoration of the charter of Polynesia Encampment of Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5557, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5558, from the Judiciary Committee, on the communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, as to the eligibility of a retiring Noble Grand, in the case therein stated, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5559, from the special committee on that part of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's reports which relates to the preservation of the archives of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5560, from the same committee, on so

much of the Grand Sire's report which relates to schools, asylums, &c., was considered and adopted.

The special order having been exhausted—

The Chair named the following committees:

Committee authorized by the resolution of Rep. Robbe, of Georgia, found on page 5489 *of the Journal.*—Reps. DOWDEN, of Kentucky; ROBBE, of Georgia; CLARK, of Vermont; WHITNEY, of Michigan; MCCRANEY, of Iowa.

Committee on Education and kindred subjects, provided for by report of special committee, page 5560 *Journal.*—Reps. MORSE, of California; WHITNEY, of Michigan; MADDEN, of New York; WILLIAMS, of Minnesota; MEYER, of South Carolina.

On motion of Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the time of adjournment be extended until the business of the session is completed.

Rep. COX, of Maryland, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The special committee on printing respectfully report that they have had printed a large number of odes, charge and degree books, and other matter which the requirements of the Grand Lodge demanded, at less cost than any previous year for the same amount of work. We refer to the tabular statement of the R. W. Grand Secretary for amount supplies furnished since the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge and the cost of the same.

The committee believed that it would be to the interest of the Grand Lodge to give the printing of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports, and also the daily and revised Journals, to but one person, and have accordingly contracted with Bro. JAMES YOUNG for the entire work, with the agreement that the composition for Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports should be paid for but once.

Respectfully submitted.

E. GOVER COX,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
HENRY F. GAREY,
ALEX. L. SPEAR,
JAS. L. RIDGELY.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. MEDOLE, as follows: "That the proper officers of such State Grand Bodies as authorize the issue of Grand Lodge and Grand Encamp-

ment certificates to members of extinct subordinates of such jurisdictions, be and hereby are requested to communicate the A. T. P. W., or authorize the same to be so done to those receiving such certificate according to law, in order that they may avail themselves of the privilege to visit, as accorded by Section 425 of Digest," do hereby report as follows:

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be adopted as above set forth.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. J. HAMILTON,
GEO. DEAN,
A. B. CRANE,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
ERIE J. LEECH,
D. N. BARROWS.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to publish in the revised Journal such a statement of the amounts contributed by the different jurisdictions, to the Chicago sufferers, by the disastrous conflagration which visited that city, as may be furnished by the jurisdiction of Illinois; and, if practicable, also the amount contributed to the sufferers of the Northwest.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of JOHN ZIMMERMAN, of Ontario, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, by some oversight, it appears that the appeal of WM. D. KENNEDY, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, has not been heretofore presented to this Grand Lodge and referred to the proper committee; therefore,

Resolved, That the said appeal be postponed to the next annual session without prejudice to either party.

Rep. MORSE, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge respectfully request all State Grand Jurisdictions to make such returns of Rebekah Degree Lodges as will enable this Grand Lodge, at its next session, to fully estimate the claims of the Rebekah degree branch of our Order for a radical change in their membership relations to Odd-Fellowship.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of $500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay for the services to be rendered by Grand Sire STUART in the preparation and printing of the revised Rituals, at the rate of not exceeding $100 per month, the same to be drawn on the warrant of the Grand Secretary, after the approval of the bill for such services by the incoming Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, of New York, in regard to printing Journal of last session, would respectfully report that they have investigated the subject contained therein, and find that the contract was made in accordance with a proposal submitted by the Committee on Printing and reported on pages 5201 and 5202 revised Journal, and approved by this Grand Lodge. We find that the contract was, in the main, complied with, and the price paid was in accordance therewith, except that there was charged for the paper used at least two cents per pound more than ought to have been charged according to the agreement made with the Chairman of the Committee on Printing.

The committee find that the increased cost of the revised Journal was mainly from the following cause: First, the weight of the paper ordered was fifty-six pounds per ream, when heretofore forty-five pounds per ream has been considered sufficient. Second, there was printed fifteen thousand copies, when twelve thousand have been printed heretofore. Third, the extra charge of two cents per pounds, above alluded to, these three items increasing the cost of the Journal over two thousand dollars.

The committee would submit the above statement of facts and ask to be discharged from the further investigation of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. THOMPSON,
J. MARIS,
SAM. RYAN, JR.,
J. D. TRAPP.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

By Reps. WOODYATT, of Ontario, seconded by Reps. BARBER, of Mississipppi; SIDES, of Michigan; TURNER, of Ohio; WHITE, of Nevada; STOKES, of Pennsylvania CARTER, of Ohio.

Amend the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as follows:

Article I, Section 1. Strike out all after the word "of," in the second line, and insert "the M. W. Grand Lodge of American Odd-Fellowship," so as to make it read as follows:

Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the M. W. Grand Lodge of American Odd-Fellowship.

Amend all other parts of the constitution and by-laws to conform with the above.

On motion of Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, the Lodge now proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following as the form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers for installation, to wit:

Past Grand Sires NICHOLSON and SANDERS will present the Grand Sire elect for installation.

Past Grand Sires NICHOLSON and SANDERS will present the Deputy Grand Sire elect for installation.

Past Deputy Grand Sire FITZHUGH and Rep. STOKES will present the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect for installation.

Grand Representatives HARMON and CURRY will present the Grand Treasurer elect for installation.

CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, P. D. Grand Sire, of Kansas, Grand Sire elect, having been presented by Bros. NICHOLSON and SANDERS, Past Grand Sires, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire and seated to the right of the Chair.

M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M., of Kansas, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, having been presented by Bros. NICHOLSON and SANDERS, Past Grand Sires, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified and seated to the right of the Chair.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was presented by P. D. Grand Sire FITZHUGH, of Virginia, and Past Grand Master STOKES, of Pennsylvania, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was presented by P. G. M. HARMON, of California, and G. Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, was qualified and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

R. W. Grand Chaplain.....Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky.
R. W. Grand Marshal.....CALEB RAND, of Massachusetts.
R. W. Grand Guardian.....A. COHEN, of Arkansas.
R. W. Grand Messenger.....J. W. HUDSON, of Wisconsin.

The nominations having been unanimously confirmed by the Lodge, the nominees were conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire, retiring, then appropriately addressed the incoming Grand Sire and the Lodge, and surrendered the chair and gavel to his successor.

The M. W. Grand Sire, CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, on taking the chair, addressed the Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES: The ever-faithful pen of our Worthy Grand Secretary is about transcribing the closing events of another session of our Supreme Council, and the dial of time is soon to mark another revolution in the cycle of its progress. The work performed by those so soon to separate, has already passed into history; and whether it be for the best interests of humanity—whether in our representative capacity we have filled the measure of confidence reposed in us by the brotherhood—must become subject-matter for their impartial verdict.

It should be the earnest effort of every man to whom a talent has been committed, to multiply his talent for the Master; and it is not improper, therefore, to express the hope, that when the account is under settlement, it may appear, not alone that the talents have been increased, but that the

laborers of the present session have left substantial evidence of having accelerated the good work to which they have dedicated themselves, and no imperfections to mar the symmetry of the whole.

While, undeniably, it falls to the lot of many to "build better than they know," yet, if all would toil for a noble end with the strength born in them, the world would be better for each man's life; the mighty fabric of human destiny would grow more perfect with each one's contribution—just as the coral isle has grown through lengthened ages, from the smallest atom to the habitable shore—and the great problem of human happiness would make a nearer approach to solution with the fall of each artisan who spent his strength upon it.

Representatives, you have called to a position of prominence and honor, one of your co-laborers; one, who, however little of success he may have achieved in the effort, has faithfully endeavored to add his mite to the colossal structure we are erecting. While his heart is gratefully appreciative of the confidence of his brethren; while he is stimulated to put forth his whole energies to deserve the distinguished honor conferred upon him by their too great partiality, he bears with almost oppressive weight a full sense of the responsibility they have devolved upon him. For two years he is to wield a sceptre over a constituency claiming subjects upon three continents and the islands of the Pacific; a sceptre not backed by lines of bristling bayonets, but talismanic in its power, because the living emblem of the grand conception of human fraternization.

While he thanks you for the honor, he receives it with a full knowledge of its grave responsibility, and while his heart goes out to you with emotions of the deepest esteem for this manifestation of your confidence and regard, he must crave your assistance in the attempt to discharge the duties you have entrusted to him. With your aid and indulgence, he may hope, perhaps, not merely to leave the work as he found it, but to engraft upon it something of good, if it be but a single atom to swell the grandeur of its proportions; and though such an aspiration may be considered a limited one, it must not be forgotten that it may form the basis of success in every worthy undertaking.

There is no created thing which has not an office to perform in the economy of nature—an office connected with some important interest in the great plan of existence. As devotees of an advanced idea, finding expression in the demand for a universal brotherhood, it is ours to mitigate the ills of life; to pluck the sting from sorrow; to draw the sunshine over the cloud; to bridge the chasm of a fallen nature, and polish the rough jewel of humanity for a glorious setting in the coronet of an immortal life!

Fellow-toilers! let us work for these ends while the day lasts; let us press militantly into the future; and while we strive for truth, and invoke the gentle arts of friendship and love in the contest, let us with one accord and strength of arm

> "Strike for the cause which needs assistance;
> Against the wrong which needs resistance;
> Strike for the future in the distance
> And the good that we may do."

Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Past Grand Sire STUART and Grand Sire LOGAN be solicited for copies of their respective addresses, delivered this day on retiring from and entering into office, and that the same be printed in the revised Journal.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the committee already raised on that subject:

WHEREAS, since the establishment of Odd-Fellowship in America, a large number of works have been published relating to the Order, the whole constituting a literature creditable to its intelligence and culture; and whereas it would be desirable to have a complete descriptive list, or bibliography of said works to show to the members of the Order and others what works have been published on the subject of American Odd-Fellowship; therefore,

Resolved, That a competent member of the Order of experience in such work be appointed by the Grand Sire to compile a bibliography of works on American Odd-Fellowship, and report the same, if possible, to the next session of this Grand Lodge; such person to serve without compensation.

Rep. DEWOLF, of Indiana, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to FRED. D. STUART, for the very able, impartial, and eminently satisfactory manner that he has discharged the important duties of Grand Sire during his term of office.

The Chair announced the following committee:

Committee on Printing Supplies under amended article of By-Laws.—Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland; SANDERS, P. G. Sire, of New York; NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania; Ross, of New Jersey; STUART, P. G. Sire, of the District of Columbia; the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS the Chicago Relief Committee have been requested by the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to prepare and publish in book form, a memorial of the munificence of the brotherhood to the sufferers in Chicago and the Northwest; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve and endorse such request as set forth in the correspondence between the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Chicago Relief Committee.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the Grand Chaplain, who addressed the throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty Father, God of Peace and Love, once more, with grateful hearts, we approach the Throne of Grace, to thank Thee for all past mercies, and in particular, for Thy guidance during the sessions of this body, now about closing. To Thee are we indebted for the fraternal spirit manifested here, and which we trust will redound to Thy glory, and the welfare of our fellow-men. Fill our hearts, O God, with tenderness and compassion for all around us. May we rejoice with those that do rejoice, and weep with those that weep. May we be ready to impart of our abundance to the poor and needy, the distressed and the afflicted, the widow and the fatherless, and thus fulfil the law of pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father. We would now commend ourselves to Thy Divine protection. Preserve us, we beseech Thee, in all our journeyings; guard us in every danger and calamity; keep us in health and safety, and in due time restore us again to the joys and comforts of our homes. Bless and prosper our Order every-

where, and may the return of every session of this body bear witness to its increasing fruitfulness in good works. And when our earthly labors are ended, may we all be found worthy to enter upon the joys of eternity.

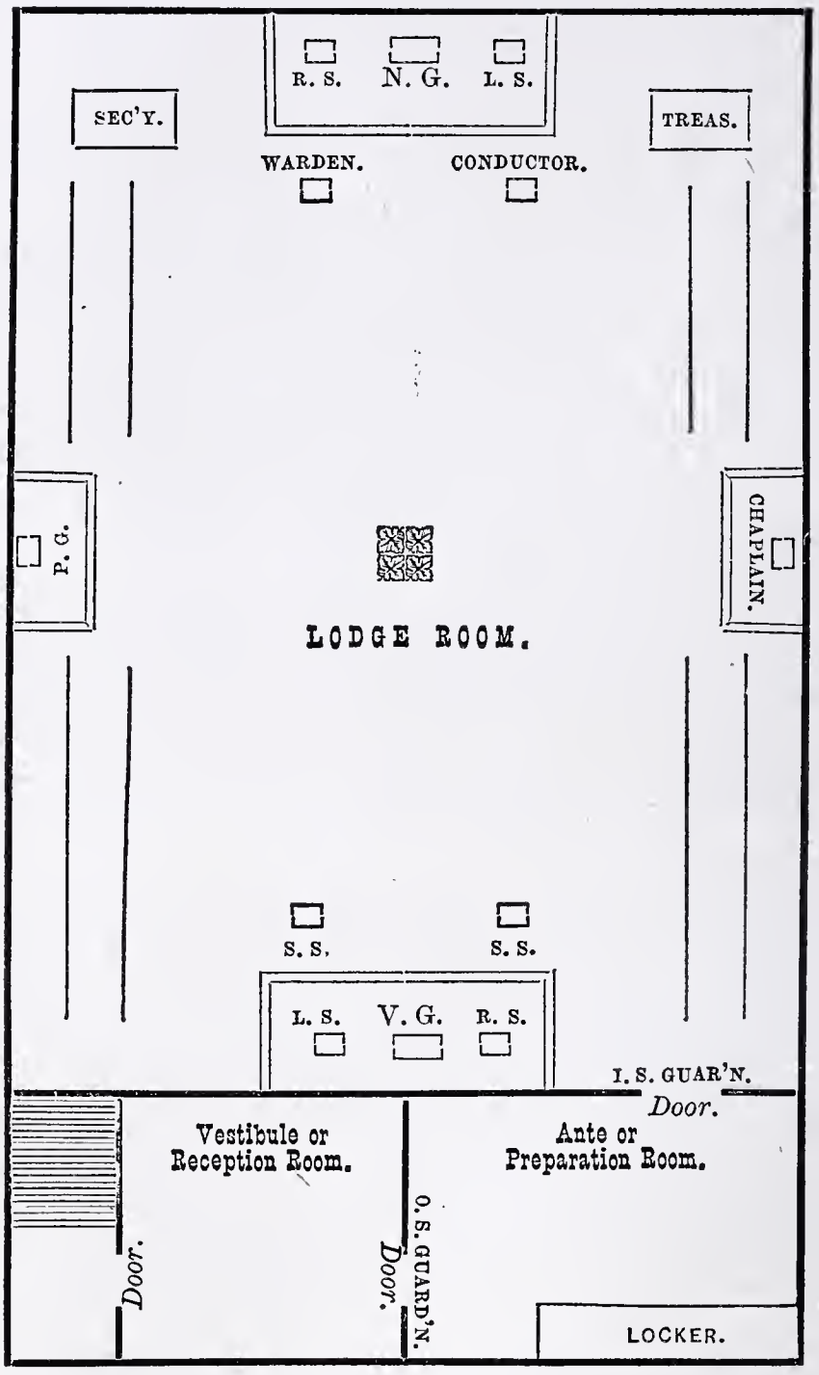
"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and glory, for ever. Amen."

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. D. Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. and Rec. Sec.*

DIAGRAM OF LODGE ROOM.

Adopted by the G. L. U. S., Session, 1872.



This Diagram is only intended to show the position of the various officers of a Sub. Lodge. The location of the doors, either to the Lodge Room, or to the Ante-Room, or from outside of the Vestibule, cannot be determined. It is not proposed to fix definitely which side of the N. G. the Secretary and Treasurer shall sit or face—nor which side of the room the P. G. shall sit—but the Chaplain, if there is one, should sit opposite the P. G.

APPENDIX.

CHICAGO CONFLAGRATION, OCTOBER 9, 1871.

I. O. O. F.
R. W. GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES,
September Session, 1872.

Among other proceedings the following was had: On motion of Rep STOKES, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to publish in the revised Journal such a statement of the amounts contributed by the different jurisdictions, to the Chicago sufferers, by the disastrous conflagration which visited that city, as may be furnished by the jurisdiction of Illinois; and, if practicable, also the amount contributed to the sufferers of the Northwest.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, Nov. 4th, 1872.

FRANKLIN BROSS,
M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Illinois.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: By resolution passed at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is directed "to publish in the revised Journal such a statement of the amounts contributed by the different jurisdictions to the Chicago sufferers, by the disastrous conflagration, which visited that city, as may be furnished by the jurisdiction of Illinois."

Having as yet received no official communication on this subject, and as the revised Journal is being rapidly printed, I write to call attention to this request. I have also this day advised the Relief Committee at Chicago.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND MASTER,
Grand Lodge of Illinois.
Cairo, Ill., Nov. 9th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
R. W. Grand Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 4th instant came duly to hand, and I have this day requested Bro. NASON, our R. W. Grand Secretary, to furnish you with a copy of the report of the Relief Committee of Chicago,

made by them at the last session, which is very complete. The committee has discharged their hard task with the greatest devotion, and deserves the praise of every Odd-Fellow in the country: the report will show that "*the greatest of all is charity*," has in this particular instance, especially, been illustrated as one of the first principles of our Order.

Fraternally yours,

F. BROSS, *Grand Master.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, Nov. 4th, 1872.

J. WARD ELLIS, E. B. SHERMAN, JNO. G. ROGERS,
Chicago Relief Committee.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: By resolution passed at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is directed to publish in the revised Journal such a statement of the amounts contributed by the different jurisdictions to the Chicago sufferers, by the disastrous conflagration which visited that city, as may be furnished by the jurisdiction of Illinois: and if practicable, also the amounts contributed to the sufferers of the Northwest.

Having received as yet no official communication on this subject, and having doubt in my own mind as to the proper party with whom to advise with a view to its accomplishment, I have this day transmitted this request in duplicate to the M. W. Grand Master of Illinois and to the Honorable the Chicago Relief Committee. This course is pursued, as well to economise time, as to avoid mistake. I remark, in this connection, that an official communication would seem to be appropriate and worthy the occasion, since the object is doubtless to transmit as a memorial to our posterity this grand achievement of the age as among the brightest records of moral heroism which the world has ever known.

With sincere personal regard for the committee individually and collectively, and a profound recognition of their claim upon the gratitude of the brotherhood at large,

I remain very truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.,
Room 49 Bryan Block, Cor. La Salle and Monroe streets,
CHICAGO, November 19, 1872.

To Hon. JAMES L. RIDGELY,
R. W. G. C. and R. S. G. L. U. S.

By direction of the committee I have the honor to transmit the accompanying statement and exhibits taken from report of our committee, submitted to and approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois.

There may be some slight errors, but no pains have been spared to make the same strictly accurate; a few changes may, however, need to be made before the publication of our final report.

Total amount of cash received and retained by the Chicago Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.:

Alabama	$10 00
Arkansas	202 00
California	14,469 90
Colorado	175 00
Connecticut	2,341 36
Delaware	1,196 25
District of Columbia	885 00
Georgia	252 00
Illinois	17,882 80
Indiana	4,868 39
Iowa	3,288 13
Kansas	1,163 50
Kentucky	835 88
Louisiana	200 00
Lower Provinces B. N. A.	155 36
Maine	1,050 00
Maryland	1,841 50
Massachusetts	3,290 48
Michigan	196 50
Minnesota	611 15
Missouri	2,405 00
Nebraska	105 00
New Hampshire	700 00
New Jersey	2,131 50
New York	10,625 71
Nevada	1,625 75
North Carolina	50 00
Ohio	2,333 00
Ontario	1,965 96
Oregon	1,781 91
Pennsylvania	23,495 30
Rhode Island	1,405 00
South Carolina	10 00
Tennessee	954 20
Texas	27 50
Vermont	291 00
Virginia	494 65
West Virginia	1,018 75
Wisconsin	306 00
Europe	238 41
New Mexico	90 00
Unknown	56 00
Total	$107,025 84

Cash donations received and returned by the committee:

California	$1,970 77
District of Columbia	43 25
Georgia	17 90
Illinois	642 60
Indiana	66 50
Iowa	20 37
Kansas	136 00
Maryland	117 20
Massachusetts	150 00
Missouri	323 95
New Jersey	100 00
New York	206 46
Ohio	90 00
Oregon	25 00
Pennsylvania	2,630 74
South Carolina	30 00
Tennessee	19 05
West Virginia	30 00
Rhode Island	25 00
Total	$6,644 79

Donations other than cash—values estimated:

Illinois	$1,055 00
Indiana	150 00
Kentucky	1,895 48
Massachusetts	4,100 86
Missouri	50 00
New Hampshire	787 65
New York	20 00
Ohio	9,179 00
Pennsylvania	15 00
Rhode Island	47 00
Unknown	100 00
Total	$17,399 99

Donations claimed to have been sent, but not received:

Illinois	$91 00

RECAPITULATION.

Total cash received and retained	$107,025 84
" " " returned	6,644 79
" donations other than cash	17,399 99
" cash sent not received	91 00
Total amount contributed	$131,161 62

DEDUCT.

Cash returned	$6,644 79	
" not received	91 00	6,735 79
Total amount received and retained		$124,425 83

A better idea of the details of our work, methods of distribution, &c., may be obtained from the exhibits hereto attached. The applications for relief we took from our files, being about average cases.

We cannot permit this opportunity to pass without placing upon record our grateful acknowledgments to the officers and members of the G. L. U. S., for the encouragement and sympathy they have given us while acting as almoners of the benificence of the brotherhood at large.

We have the honor to be, yours, fraternally,

J. WARD ELLIS,
JNO. G. ROGERS,
E. B. SHERMAN,
Chicago Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.

EXHIBIT "A."

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.,
Cor. Harrison and Sangamon Streets,
CHICAGO, ... 187

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of .. instant received. In the presence of the terrible calamity which has overwhelmed us, we have no time for formal thanks, but a whole lifetime for grateful recollections. May the blessings of those who were ready to perish but for your divine charity rest upon you and those you represent, as a heavenly benediction.

The magnificent benificence of our Order throughout the country is making the symbol "I. O. O. F." a thousand-fold more significant and glorious than ever before. All donations committed to us will be regarded as a sacred trust, and systematically and judiciously expended to the relief of our suffering brothers and their families.

We know you will excuse the use of this printed form, when we assure you that it is from sheer inability to perform the manual labor of answering our correspondence, in addition to other duties we dare not neglect.

Gratefully and fraternally yours,

E. B. SHERMAN,
Secretary Relief Commitee, I. O. O. F.

J. WARD ELLIS, *Chairman.*
JOHN G. ROGERS, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT "B."

HEADQUARTERS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.,
Chicago, October 23, 1871.

APPLICATION FOR RELIEF.

Name, widow of F. Winter; Lodge and No., late member Robert Blum, 58; former occupation, ...; present occupation, ...; amount wages, ...; residence before the fire, 196 Van Buren; residence now, 115 Fauquer street; number in family, 3; state of health, 1 child sick; former relief, if any, none; reference Bro. John Gersetta, 58; general remarks, ... Articles wanted—Washtub, washboard, soap, 1 cook-stove. 1 bedstead, 1 mattress, water pail, broom and brush, clothes-line, 2 pillows, 1 pr. shoes for self, 2 pr. child's shoes, 2 chairs and 1 quilt. Articles delivered—A coal hod, stew pan, candles.

H. V. VAN DUSEN,
S. POLOCK.

EXHIBIT "C."

I. O. O. F.
ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE,
Corner Harrison and Sangamon Streets,
Chicago, November 28th, 1871.

To the Noble Grands, Officers and Brothers
of the several Lodges I. O. O. F. of Chicago:

The Relief Committee earnestly invite the attention of the Lodges and brothers of this city to some important considerations connected with our work.

We are simply the almoners of the benificence of the brotherhood at large, and desire only to perform our duties in a just and impartial manner. The contributions placed in our hands are committed to us in order that we may alleviate distress and prevent suffering so far as possible among brothers and their families. We have endeavored to do this, and have adopted what seemed to us the wisest plans to that end, and it is pleasing to be able to state that our system has received the unanimous and unqualified endorsement of the M. W. G. Sire and R. W. D. G. Sire of the G. L. U. S., the M. W. G. M. of Illinois, and about twenty-five Grand Representatives and Grand Officers, of different jurisdictions, who have visited us and carefully examined our manner of administering relief. We have no friends to favor, and no foes to punish; no personal ends to serve in any direction. But we most anxiously desire to carry out the wishes of the warm-hearted brothers who have placed upon the alter of Odd-Fellowship their offerings of charity, and in this regard we earnestly ask the active co-operation of every Lodge and every brother in our city.

There are two objects we desire to accomplish, and in which we especially ask your assistance.

1. To learn the exact condition of every brother who needs assistance, and

2. To obtain information in regard to any persons now obtaining relief who do not really need the same. We are sorry to say that we have discovered a few cases of attempted imposition, and it is possible there may be a few others in spite of all the precautions we have exercised.

Several of the Lodge Committees have given us valuable assistance—others have not once been seen at our headquarters. It is highly important that all Committees of the Lodges learn the circumstances of every member, and their present residences, and encourage any who may be reluctant to ask assistance, to communicate with us and let us know their wants. We wish it distinctly understood, that if Lodges and brothers will not look up and report any needy ones who hesitate to apply from a feeling of false pride or timidity, we shall let the responsibility rest where it belongs—upon the members of the Lodges. Without the constant co-operation of the Lodges we cannot reach just the cases we most desire to. Brothers, this is your work as well as ours, and we earnestly entreat every Lodge to see that a standing committee of the more judicious brothers be selected to assist us in the very difficult and delicate work of relieving the most pressing wants of the truly deserving. Shall we have the hearty, earnest, business-like co-operation of every true Odd-Fellow in Chicago in our work?

Yours fraternally,

J. WARD ELLIS,
JOHN G. ROGERS,
E. B. SHERMAN,
Relief Committee I. O. O. F.

EXHIBIT "D."

I. O. O. F.
ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE,
No. 214 *Sangamon Street,*
Chicago,.....1872.

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of.....received, enclosing.....dollars for relief. At a session of the Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., of Chicago, on the 23d day of March, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, by the surprising and continued liberality of the brotherhood, we have now been furnished with sufficient means to supply the most pressing necessities of the brothers and their families; and

WHEREAS we do not deem it consistent with the true object of our appointment to receive contributions further than seems necessary to prevent present suffering, and supply the more urgent needs of our brothers and provide for special cases of peculiar hardship in this terrible emergency; therefore,

Resolved, That all sums hereafter received be returned to their respective donors, with grateful acknowledgments.

Resolved, That our Secretary be directed to keep an account of all such donations so received and returned, that the same may hereafter receive proper recognition.

In accordance with the foregoing, please herewith find above sum, less expense of return, and accept with it our grateful and fraternal thanks. By its admirable fidelity to its divine principles in this crisis, our Order has demonstrated its practical adaptation for the promotion of good will among men, and its fitness as a minister in the trials and adversities which are inseparable from human life, and to-day stands peerless among kindred organizations for systematic and spontaneous benevolence.

Fraternally yours,
E. B. SHERMAN,
Sec. Relief Com. I. O. O. F.

J. WARD ELLIS, *Chairman.*
JNO. G. ROGERS, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT "E."

HEADQUARTERS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.
Cor. of Harrison and Sangamon sts.
Chicago, January 3d, 1872.

APPLICATION FOR RELIEF.

The facts in support of this application are stated in answer to the following questions:

Name? C. Boerner. Name and No. of Lodge? Robert Blum, 58. Present residence? 65 Purple street. Former occupation? Teamster. Present occupation? None. Married or single? Married, wife dead. Number of children and ages? 5—14, 12, 10, 8, 4. Are any employed and how? Oldest boy working in coal office. Total income of family per week? $3 per week. Were you burnt out? Yes. What did you lose? Household furniture, clothing, &c. Insurance and in what Company? None. Any

money in bank or elsewhere? None. Other relief, from whom and amount? None. Real estate owned and value? None. Personal estate owned and value? None.

I certify that the above statements are correct.

C. BOERNER, *Applicant*

Delivered.

R. H. JORDAN.

Articles wanted: one cook stove, bedstead, provisions for two weeks, mattress, two pillows, three pair blankets, six plates, six cups and saucers, six knives and forks, six teaspoons, six tablespoons, broom.

We, the undersigned committee of Robert Blum Lodge, hereby certify that we have examined the facts in the above case and know the circumstances of the applicant, and fully believe the above named articles are really needed for present relief.

JOSEPH BENCHEL,
FERD. G. KRUGER.

H. V. VAN DUSEN.

Deliver above articles.

E. B. SHERMAN.

EXHIBIT "F."

ODD-FELLOWS' CHICAGO RELIEF.

AUDITING COMMITTEE APPOINTED: THEIR REPORT.

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.
Chicago, April 4th, 1872.

Gen. J. C. SMITH,
M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As we have now nearly closed the duties devolved upon us by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the receiving and disbursing of the generous contributions of the brotherhood at large for the unfortunate sufferers by the "Great Fire," we deem it fitting and desirable to render an account of our stewardship thus far; and we therefore request you to appoint such brothers as you may select as an Auditing Board, to whom, with yourself, we will take pleasure in submitting our receipts, expenditures, books, accounts, vouchers, method of distribution,—in short, the entire transactions of the committee.

And, inasmuch as contributions have been received from more than forty sister jurisdictions, all under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it seems to us proper that the Grand Sire of the G. L. U. S. should appoint a similar board for a similar purpose. If you so regard it, please communicate with him and invite the appointment by him of such brothers as he may select

You will also please fix such time for the examination as may suit your convenience and that of the M. W. Grand Sire.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

J. WARD ELLIS,
JOHN. G. ROGERS,
E. B. SHERMAN,
Relief Com. I. O. O. F., of Chicago.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
Grand Lodge of Illinois,
Galena, Ill., May 6th, 1872.

To the several Brothers hereinafter named, Greeting:

The Relief Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., to receive and disburse the generous benefactions contributed by the

brotherhood at large for the relief of the distressed brothers of Chicago, have officially notified me that, in their judgment, no further general distribution of supplies is necessary, and have requested me to appoint an Auditing Committee to examine the books and vouchers, receipts and disbursements of the committee, and report thereon; and have also requested me to invite F. D. Stuart, M. W. Grand Sire, to appoint a similar committee on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States. After consultation with the M. W. Grand Sire, it was deemed inexpedient and unnecessary to appoint two separate committees. At the same time, the M. W. Grand Sire recommended me to appoint such committee in part from Illinois, and in part from adjacent jurisdictions.

Now, therefore, in accordance with the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire, and by virtue of the authority in me vested as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., I do hereby appoint and commission you, Thomas Underwood, P. G. M. and P. G. R., of Indiana; L. B. Hills, R. W. G. Sec'y and P. G. R., of Wisconsin; T. B. Needles, P. G. M. and G. R., of Illinois; Louis Furst, P. G. P. and P. G. R., of Illinois; Samuel Willard, P. G. Sec'y and P. G. R., of Illinois; and John P. Foss, P. G. R., of Illinois, as an Auditing Committee for the purpose above specified, and request you to be and appear at the city of Chicago on the fourth day of May next, then and there to examine the books and vouchers, receipts and disbursements of said committee, and make report to me of your findings and doings in the premises. Fraternally yours,

J. C. SMITH, *Grand Master.*

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, May 6th, 1872.

JOHN C. SMITH,
M. W. Grand Master I. O. O. F. of Illinois, Galena, Ill.

DEAR SIR: Pursuant to your commission as hereunto annexed, the undersigned met at the rooms of the Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., in this city, Saturday, May 4th, organized and performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report their action.

Due notice having been given to the Relief Committee and their assistants, the following were present, viz., J. Ward Ellis, P. G. M. and G. R., Chairman; E. B. Sherman, P. G., Secretary; John G. Rogers, P. G. M. and P. G. R., Treasurer; A. T. Sherman, P. G., Book-keeper; R. H. Jordan, P. D. G. M., Superintendent of Supplies.

From a careful examination of the various books and accounts, your committee find the following facts:

The committee began its work on the 11th day of October, 1871, and closed its general operations on March 30th, 1872, making a period of active and laborious duty of five months and twenty days.

The first duty performed by the committee was the renting of buildings as storehouses for the supplies of clothing and food and other necessaries; as, in addition to the liberal donations in kind, it was found economical to make extensive purchases, and to distribute articles obtained at wholesale prices rather than to give money.

The committee employed, in the care and distribution of stores, from ten to fifteen men.

Proper blanks were prepared by the committee and given to applicants, to whom, upon their filling the same, distributions were made, either for temporary need or as regular supply.

From October 11th, 1871, to March 22d, 1872, the committee received from all sources.

In cash	$106,936.54
In supplies of all kinds	16,787.99
Total receipts	$123,724.53

The committee has paid out, as per proper vouchers on file, as follows:

Groceries, provisions, etc	$23,355.96	
Stoves, fuel, coal, etc	10,850.70	
Labor, lumber, rent, gas	9,569.74	
Special donations, cash, sewing-machines, tools, etc	22,831.40	
Dry goods	14,711.32	
Clothing, hats, caps, boots and shoes	11,683.01	
Furniture, bedding, etc	10,354.85	
Tinware, woodenware, etc	1,563.78	
Loans	944.00	
General expenses, stationery, postage-stamps, drayage, freights, telegrams, etc	7,689.63	
		$113,554.39
Leaving in Treasurer's hands		10,170.14
		$125,724.53

On the 23d day of March last, the following resolutions were unanimously passed, and, in accordance therewith, all donations since that date received have been returned to the donors, amounting at this time to $5,986.84.

WHEREAS, by the surprising and continued liberality of the Brotherhood, we have now been furnished with sufficient means to supply the most pressing necessities of the brothers and their families; and

WHEREAS, we do not deem it consistent with the true object of our appointment to receive contributions further than seems necessary to prevent present suffering, and supply the more urgent needs of our brothers and provide for special cases of peculiar hardship in this terrible emergency; therefore,

Resolved, That all sums hereafter received be returned to their respective donors, with grateful acknowledgments.

Resolved, That our Secretary be directed to keep an account of all such donations so received and returned, that the same may hereafter receive proper recognition.

Your committee would here state that donations from Lodges of the Order amounting to some two thousand dollars were made direct to some of the suffering Lodges, or else sent to the General Relief Committee of the city of Chicago: consequently, these benefactions do not appear on the books of the Relief Committee of the I. O. O. F.

A careful inspection of the books of the Superntendent of Supplies shows the following:

In the month of October, 1871, there were 1,617 applications by 7904 persons.

Daily average of applications	$89\frac{5}{6}$
" " " persons relieved	$439\frac{1}{9}$
Average persons in family	$4\frac{1}{1}\frac{4}{6}\frac{3}{1}\frac{6}{7}$

NOVEMBER, 1871.

1,357 applications by 6,970 persons.

Daily average of applications	$52\frac{5}{2}\frac{}{6}$
" " " persons relieved	$268\frac{1}{1}\frac{}{3}$
Average persons in family	$5\frac{1}{1}\frac{8}{3}\frac{5}{7}$

DECEMBER, 1871.

1,024 applications by 5,107 persons.

Daily average of applications	$40\frac{2}{2}\frac{4}{5}$
" " " persons relieved	$204\frac{7}{2}\frac{}{3}$
Average persons in family	$4\frac{1}{1}\frac{0}{0}\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4}$

JANUARY, 1872.

735 applications by 3,672 persons.

Daily average of applications	$27\frac{2}{9}$
" " " persons relieved	136
Average persons in family	$4\frac{7}{7}\frac{3}{3}\frac{2}{5}$

FEBRUARY, 1872.

628 applications by 3,207 persons.

Daily average of applications	$25\frac{3}{2}\frac{}{5}$
" " " persons relieved	$128\frac{7}{2}\frac{}{5}$
Average persons in family	$5\frac{6}{6}\frac{7}{2}\frac{}{8}$

MARCH, 1872.

412 applications by 2,052 persons.

Daily average of applications	$15\frac{2}{2}\frac{2}{6}$
" " " persons relieved	$78\frac{2}{1}\frac{4}{0}\frac{}{0}$
Average persons in family	$4\frac{1}{1}\frac{0}{0}\frac{1}{3}$

RECAPITULATION.

Total applications	5773
" number of persons relieved	28912
Average number per day of persons	$196\frac{1}{1}\frac{0}{4}\frac{0}{7}$
" " " of applications	$39\frac{4}{1}\frac{0}{4}\frac{}{7}$
" " to a family	$5\frac{4}{5}\frac{7}{7}\frac{}{3}$
Number of different persons regularly relieved	3220
" " " relieved	5000

The following resolution relative to funds still on hand, presented by P. G. M. A. S. Barry, of Illinois, was unanimously adopted by this Auditing Committee.

Resolved, That the *general* relief work of the committee at Chicago be closed from this date, and the balance of the funds in the hands of the committee be transferred to a *special* relief fund, to be in charge of the same committee, under the supervision of the Most Worthy Grand Master of Illinois; and reposing the utmost confidence in the integrity of the committee, and the zeal and ability displayed by them in the discharge of the trust heretofore confided to them, we direct that they expend the same upon special objects of relief which now are or may hereafter be under their charge, making report of their doings to the Most Worthy Grand Master of Illinois.

A careful review of the entire work of the Relief Committee shows a large amount of responsibility assumed and a vast amount of toilsome labor performed, for which no greater recompense can be awarded than the consciousness of having been able to relieve the pressing wants and suffering of their brethren and families.

Your committee are constrained here to acknowledge the services of yourself, so faithfully performed, as evidenced by the books and correspondence examined by them.

The following resolutions, offered by L. B. Hills, R. W. G. Secretary of Wisconsin, were adopted by this committee:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Order at large are due and are hereby extended to P. G. Masters J. Ward Ellis and John G. Rogers, and P. G. E. B. Sherman, "The Chicago Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.," for their faithful devotion to the principles of our Order, and the self-sacrifice shown by them in carrying out the mandate of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, in their work of "relieving the distressed."

Resolved, That to P. D. G. M. Richard H. Jordan, Superintendent of Supplies, and to P. G. A. T. Sherman, Book-keeper of the Relief Committee, are given the thanks of the Order and the commendation of this Auditing Committee, for their diligence, courtesy, and distinguished ability in the performance of their exacting and often perplexing duties.

The undersigned, having discharged, to the best of their ability, the duty assigned them under your commission, beg to acknowledge the honor you have conferred and the confidence you have shown in selecting them for so responsible a position, and trust that their labors may prove satisfactory to all concerned. Fraternally yours,

THOMAS UNDERWOOD,
P. G. M. and P. G. Rep. of Ind., *Chairman*,
SAMUEL WILLARD,
P. G. R. and P. G. Sec. of Illinois, *Secretary*,
L. B. HILLS,
R. W. G. Sec. and P. G. R. of Wisconsin,
THOS. B. NEEDLES,
P. G. M. and G. R. of Illinois,
A. S. BARRY,
R. W. G. T. and P. G. R. of Illinois,
LOUIS FURST,
P. G. P. and P. G. R. of Illinois,
JOHN P. FOSS,
P. G. R. of Illinois,
Auditing Committee.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER,
Grand Lodge of Illinois,
Galena, Ill., May 8th, 1872.

J. WARD ELLIS, JOHN G. ROGERS, E. B. SHERMAN,
Chicago Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., G. L. of Illinois.

DEAR BROTHERS: Your request for the appointment of Auditing Boards by the M. W. Grand Sire and myself, to examine the method of distribution, audit the books, accounts, vouchers, receipts and expenditures of your committee, has received my careful consideration. On consultation with the Grand Sire, it was deemed unnecessary to comply fully with your request; but, with his sanction, I have appointed an Auditing Board composed of eminent brothers from the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with instructions to examine and report to me, which duty they have performed, and you will find herewith a copy of their report, which, with your letter and this answer, you are requested to publish for the information of the fraternity.

I cannot permit this opportunity to pass without congratulating you upon the very satisfactory manner in which you have performed the arduous duty imposed upon you by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. During the long and dreary winter, you have toiled night and day to relieve the suffering Odd-Fellows and their families. Your work has been done promptly, fearlessly, faithfully and correctly, and without favor or partiality. You

have counted no sacrifice too great, no labor too exhausting, but have displayed energy, fortitude and ability equal to the terrible emergency which called for your appointment. I am pleased to be able to assure you that the report of the Auditing Board and my own sentiments accord fully with the views of the many eminent brothers who have visited your city during the winter and witnessed your admirable method of distributing the benefactions committed to your trust. I know the M. W. Grand Sire, were he present, would cordially unite with me in tendering you the grateful thanks of this great brotherhood, and in assuring you of their high appreciation of your sacrifices for the interests of humanity. The fervent blessings of the destitute brother and his family, the widow and the orphan, whose desolate homes you have brightened, and whose sorrowing hearts you have cheered, will be a rich heritage, and will be more enduring than resolutions, memorials, or monuments.

My own intimate connection with and thorough knowledge of the details of your work, my frequent visitations and almost daily communication with you, authorize and enable me to say that all your acts have met my most cordial approval, as does this report of the Auditing Board.

Friendship cemented by the labor of charity is as enduring as time. Such will be ours. Truly and fraternally yours,

J. C. SMITH, *Grand Master.*

EXHIBIT "G."

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.
Room 49 Bryan Block, Cor. La Salle and Monroe sts.
CHICAGO, August 10th, 1872.

To the Officers and Members of the several Lodges I. O. O. F. of Chicago.

BROTHERS: We have discontinued the general distribution of supplies, but have some funds still on hand, and are still ready to give special relief in special cases—to aged, sick or infirm brothers with large families, destitute widows, and in similar cases of actual and imperative need. We shall, however, make careful investigation in all cases, unless fully satisfied by the statements of Lodge Committees and otherwise.

All applications must be made in writing on the following blanks.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF.

The facts in support of this application are stated in answer to the following questions:

Name? J. Ohring. Name and No. of Lodge? Northwestern Lodge, No. 388. Present residence? No. 170 Milwaukie avenue. Former occupation? Machinist. Present occupation? None. Married or single? Married. Number of children and ages? 6—ranging from ten years to baby. Are any employed and how? None. Total income of family per week? About $15 per week when he gets work. Were you burnt out? Yes. What did you loose? All. Insurance and in what Company? None. Any money in bank or elsewhere? None. Other relief, from whom and amount? None but I. O. O. F. Real estate owned and value? None. Personal estate owned and value? Little. What sum is needed? $50. For what purpose? Use in family. State any peculiar circumstances which entitle the applicant to this relief. His wife is insane, four children sick, and he not able to work for that reason.

We, the undersigned committee of Northwestern Lodge, hereby certify that we have examined the facts in the above case and know the circumstances of the applicant, and fully believe the above named articles are really needed for present relief. I beg the committee to take this application in consideration. J. HIRSCHBERG.

Application laid before committee, and $25 appropriated, August 16, 1872.
E. B. SHERMAN, *Secretary.*

EXHIBIT "H."

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.,
Room 49 Bryan Block,
Corner La Salle and Monroe Streets,
CHICAGO, October 3, 1872.

J. C. SMITH, Esq.,
M. W. Grand Master I. O. O. F.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the "Auditing Committee," which was appointed by you, with the concurrence of the M. W. Grand Sire, G. L. U. S. to examine books, vouchers, accounts, methods, &c., of our committee, in and by which resolution we were directed to transfer the unexpended portion of the funds then in our hands to a special relief fund, to be by us expended in special relief; and furthermore, were directed to make report of our doings in the matter to the M. W. Grand Master of Illinois, we beg leave to report to you our doings in the premises since May 6th, 1872:

Transferred to special fund May 6th	$10,170 14
Received on loan and donation account since May 6	470 50
	$10,640 64
Expended in special relief	6,846 34
Balance now in our hands	$3,794 30

We also request you to visit us and carefully examine our books, vouchers, accounts, applications, &c., as soon as you can consistently do so.

Fraternally yours,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JNO. G. ROGERS,
E. B. SHERMAN,
Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.

ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F.,
Room 49 Bryan Block,
Corner La Salle and Monroe Streets,
CHICAGO, October 5, 1872.

J. WARD ELLIS, JOHN G. ROGERS, E. B. SHERMAN,
Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., Chicago.

DEAR BROTHERS: In accordance with your request, and in fulfilment of the duty imposed upon me by the Auditing Committee referred to in your communication, I have this day examined the books, accounts, vouchers, and applications for special relief since May 6th, 1872, and have found the same to be correct in all particulars.

Furthermore, on careful investigation and inquiry, I heartily endorse and approve your action in all these cases, many of which were, in fact, referred to, and approved by me before being acted upon by your committee.

No words of mine can add anything to the general meed of just praise accorded you by the fraternity everywhere, and by the press of your city, for your untiring assiduity in the discharge of the arduous duties imposed upon you. My own official relations with the Relief Committee have been of such a nature, and my knowledge of your labors so thorough as to call forth my unqualified approval of your every act, to cement in a band of union, never to be broken, the friendship began in years gone by.

And it is my earnest desire that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois place upon an imperishable tablet the names of the Chicago Relief Committee, whose noble example we all would do well to emulate. And now, in closing our official relations, it is my earnest prayer that the blessings of Heaven and the commendation of all men who recognize and appreciate true merit and stirling integrity, may be ever yours.

Truly and fraternally, J. C. SMITH, *G. M.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

L. B. HILLS, Esq., Baltimore, Nov. 4th, 1872.
R. W. Grand Secretary.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: By resolution passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., page 142 daily Journal, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is directed "to publish in the revised Journal such a statement of the amount contributed by the different jurisdictions to the Chicago sufferers, by the disastrous conflagration which visited that city, as may be furnished by the jurisdiction of Illinois; and, if practicable, also the amount contributed to the sufferers of the Northwest."

Will you be good enough to furnish an official statement at an early moment, as the revised Journal is now rapidly passing through the press.

Yours very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
Grand Lodge of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis., Nov. 9th, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

SIR AND BROTHER: I have to reply to your favor of the 4th inst., that our Grand Master, M. P. LINDSLEY, (to whom I have forwarded your letter,) is the Treasurer of the Relief Committee for this State, and is the only one able at present to give the full detail called for. I could only give what appears in the appendix to our Grand Lodge Journal for December, 1871, of which I sent you and Grand Secretary of Maryland copies, and that, I think, contains all you desire to know, as it contains amount of all contributions, except what was afterwards contributed by Lodges in this State for a hall at Peshtigo, about $500.

Fraternally,

L. B. HILLS,
Grand Secretary.

REPORTS OF RELIEF COMMITTEES.

Statement of amounts received by L. B. Hills, Grand Secretary, for the relief of suffering brothers of Chicago, Peshtigo, &c.

Justitia Lodge, No. 12, Wisconsin	$ 150 00
Lincoln, 176, Wisconsin	30 00
Goethe, 112, Wisconsin	75 00
Mississippi Valley, 86, Wisconsin	50 00
Cleveland, 13, Ohio	80 00
Wauponkonica, 38, Ohio	75 00
Park City, 103, Wisconsin	25 00
Colfax, 85, Wisconsin	25 00
Two Rivers, 66, Wisconsin	25 00
Hoffnung, 172, Wisconsin	12 50
Hope, 17, Wisconsin	125 00
Jamestown, 43, Wisconsin	10 00
Darlington, 171, Wisconsin	25 00
Waterloo, 44, Wisconsin	15 00
Spartan, 94, Wisconsin	25 00
Concordia, 128, Missouri	50 00
Thusnelda Encampment, 11, Wisconsin	100 00

Leadville Lodge, 168, Wisconsin	$ 80 00
Trenton, 3, New Jersey	25 00
Viroqua, 99, Wisconsin	14 90
Wildey Encampment, 14, Wisconsin	10 00
Hercules Lodge, 181, Wisconsin	17 00
Sylvan, 164, Wisconsin	5 00
Elko, 18, and Nevada, 7, Nevada	100 00
Salem, 42, Wisconsin	15 00
Waupun Encampment, 9, Wisconsin	10 00
Sippo Lodge, 48, Ohio	56 22
Massillon, .., Ohio	12 50
Rock Elm, 188, Wisconsin	15 00
Viola, 182, Wisconsin	10 00
Newbury, 105, Wisconsin	20 00
Eclipse, 143, Missouri	119 00
Janesville City, 90, Wisconsin	50 00
Lilly of the Mound, 6, Wisconsin	100 00
J. B. King, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge Ontario	130 13
Wm. Steadman, Grand Master Grand Lodge Pennsylvania	3500 00
Berlin Encampment, 39, Wisconsin	5 00
Union, 52, Wisconsin	8 00
Spartan, 36, Wisconsin	4 00
Wisconsin, 1, Wisconsin	10 00
Golden Rule, 18, Wisconsin	7 00
Jefferson, 29, Wisconsin	5 00
Beaver, 24, Wisconsin	8 00
	$5234 25

Statement of amounts received by Werden Reynolds, P. G. and Chairman of Relief Committee, Green Bay, for relief of suffering brothers of Wisconsin:

Dodgeville Lodge, No. 147, Wisconsin	$ 50 00
Crawford, 98, Wisconsin	100 00
Ohio jurisdiction, J. E. Bell	100 00
Neenah, 41, Wisconsin	30 00
Dell, 175, Wisconsin	148 77
Kirkup, 401, Ohio	15 00

RECEIPT OF GOODS.

Ohio jurisdiction, through John E. Bell, Chairman Relief Committee, household goods, value	1600 00
Universalist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1 box clothing, estimated value	140 00
Newport, Kentucky, consigned to L. R. Hawthorn, Sec'y Relief Committee, 4 boxes of blankets, clothing, hats, caps and shoes, estimated value	420 00
Palestine Encampment, Philadelphia, Pa., consigned to Richard Muckle, 1 box clothing, estimated value	25 00
Rebekah Lodge at Petroleum Center, Pa., per L. B. Hills, 2 bales of quilts, estimated value	75 00
Kirkup Lodge, 401, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1 set second hand officer's regalia	20 00
Northwestern Relief Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio, Henry Nye, Chairman, at suggestion of Col. A. E. Jones, 2 boxes of wearing apparel	265 00
Hudson City Lodge, 486, consigned to M. P. Lindsley, 1 box clothing, estimated value	100 00
	$2645 00

Statement of amounts received by A. J. Langworthy, P. G. M., Milwaukee, for relief of suffering brothers of Wisconsin:

Vigilant Lodge, Philadelphia, Pa	$100 00
Cincinnati, Ohio	100 00
	$200 00

Statement of amount received by M. P. Lindsley, Grand Master, for suffering brothers of Wisconsin:

Wisconsin Lodge, No. 14, Wisconsin		$ 50 00
Telulah, 33, Wisconsin		50 00
La Crosse Lodges, Wisconsin		262 00
Middleton, 158, Wisconsin		100 00
Myrtle, 10, and Beloit Encampment, 7, Wisconsin		35 00
Wildey Lodge, 128, Wisconsin		10 00
Halcyon, 15, Wisconsin		18 50
Halcyon, 15, Wisconsin, boxes of clothing	$325 00	
Berlin, 56, Wisconsin		20 00
Fort Atkinson, 24, Wisconsin		50 00
New London, 131, Wisconsin		10 00
Cream City, 138, Wisconsin		200 00
Schiller, 68, Wisconsin		50 00
Konemic, 47, Wisconsin		71 00
Olive Branch, 9, Wisconsin		25 00
Rushford 121, Wisconsin		5 00
Juda, 113, Wisconsin		30 00
Wm. Tell, 162, Wisconsin		35 00
Beaver Dam, 117, Wisconsin		100 00
Hahneman, 180, Wisconsin		30 00
Armenia, 97, Wisconsin		150 00
Fond du Lac, 30, Wisconsin		25 00
Miners, 4, Wisconsin		50 00
Waupeya, 76, Wisconsin		25 00
Marathon, 169, Wisconsin		25 00
Monroe, 72, Wisconsin		50 00
Hazle Green, 16, Wisconsin		30 00
Reedsburg, 135, Wisconsin		24 00
Iron Ridge, 155, Wisconsin		27 00
Oconomowoc, 166, Wisconsin		31 00
Oregon, 84, Wisconsin		20 00
Albion, 134, Wisconsin		20 00
Plover, 80, Wisconsin		30 00
Wilton, 65, Wisconsin		13 50
Winneconne, 161, Wisconsin		35 00
Hammond, 184, Wisconsin		25 00
Manitowoc, 194, Wisconsin		20 00
Wicker, 138, Wisconsin		10 00
Menasha, 187, Wisconsin		25 00
Thos. McCaul, (Tomah,) Wisconsin		5 00
Taylor Lodge, 173, Wisconsin		64 70
Greenbush, 78, Wisconsin		16 00
Horicon, 87, Wisconsin		44 75
Miners, 4, Wisconsin		38 00
Calumet, 88, Wisconsin		25 00
Pewaukee, 186, Wisconsin		25 00
Plymouth Union, 71, Wisconsin		50 00
Niagara Lodge, No. 25, New York		50 00

Buffalo, 37, New York	$ 50 00
German Bundas, 90, New York	25 00
Concordia, 187, New York	25 00
Edwin S. Ralphs, G. M., New York	1000 00
Armenia Lodge, 256, New York	13 56
Musconelsey, 81, New York	25 00
Crystal, 107, New York	40 00
Aurora, 3, Ohio	150 00
Harmony, 71, Missouri	25 00
Essex, 26, Massachusetts	200 00
T. Johnson Rogers, Grand Sec'y, California	275 00
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California Lodge, 1, California	275 85
Concordia, 122, California	325 75
A. C. Nash, Cin., for Am. Lodge, Kentucky	25 00
Qummpaconica Lodge, 1, Connecticut	250 00
Jos. H. Gardiner, G. Rep., New Hampshire	25 00
Custos Moren Lodge, 42, New Hampshire	50 00
Duluth, 28, Minnesota	28 00
W. M. Falconer and others, Brainard, Minnesota	47 00
	$5604 85

Statement of amounts received by G. E. T. Kyber, P. G., for relief of suffering brothers at Peshtigo:

Goethe Lodge, 112	$ 25 00
Palmyra, 160	10 00
Pacific, 58	26 00
Augusta, 142	75 00
Bloomington, 159	25 00
Washington, 77	25 00
McDonald, 137	30 00
Chickerming, 55	50 00
Teutonia, 57	100 00
Aurora, 145	120 00
Gem, 165	12 00
Du Page, 79	40 00
Ripon, 144	25 00
Prescott, 154	75 00
Heine, 152	10 00
Weyauwega, 177	10 00
Pacific, 58	3 00
Good Samaritan, 148	10 00
Tomah, 178	36 20
Forest, 106	5 00
Wauona, 132	20 00
Beautiful Grove, 122	20 20
Durand, 157	27 50
Germania, 70	18 50
Rhine, 163	42 40
Humboldt, 119	100 00
Green Bay, 19	75 00
Hermann, 111	50 00
New Centerville, 156	10 00
Pinery, 146	25 00
Chippewa, 140	30 00
Laurel, 100	36 25
Ellsworth, 150	15 00

Concordia, 124	$	50 00
Ripon, 144		40 50
Eureka, 73		10 00
Omro, 125		26 25
Calista, 14, (Rebekah)		10 00
Genesee, 170		12 25
Portage City, 61		10 00
Mozart, 143		50 00
Columbia, 40		16 00
Kaishkaupee, 96		10 00
Franklin, 141		5 00
Sagola, 27, invoice of flour		
Chippewa, 140, bedding and clothing		
Nellie, 18, bedding and clothing		
Goethe, 112		176 53
New Centerville, 156		10 00
Sylvan, 164		10 00
Oakfield, 174		10 00
Valley Encampment, Chilicothe, Ohio		50 00
		$1678 38
Relief stores from Sagola, No. 27, estimated at $625 00		
Relief stores from Tomah, 178, estimated at 125 00		
		$750 00

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, Nov. 4th, 1872.

F. M. FOSTER, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., I was directed to publish in the revised Journal a statement of the amount contributed for the sufferers by the disastrous conflagration in the Northwest, by the various Lodges and Encampments of our Order, if the same could be had. Will you be good enough to furnish such a statement as soon as convenient, as the revised Journal is now rapidly being printed.

Yours very truly,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

Statement of amounts received by F. N. Foster, Grand Secretary, for relief of suffering brothers of Michigan.

Adrion Lodge, No. 8, Michigan	$	25 00
Tonquish " " 32, "		15 00
Monroe " " 19, "		25 00
Humboldt " " 154, "		7 20
Tecumseh " " 14, "		25 00
Dowagiac " " 57, "		25 00
Central City " " 162, "		33 00
Escanaba " " 118, "		25 00
Oak Grove " " 135, "		10 00
Fowlerville " " 86, "		25 00
Paw Paw " " 18, "		40 00
Harmonia " " 144, "		13 50
Concordia " " 128, St. Louis, Mo		50 00
Trenton " " 3, New Jersey		25 00

Walnut Hills Encampment, No..., Cincinnati, O	$ 25 00
Elko Lodge, No. 18, Nevada	55 00
Custos Morem Lodge, No. 42, Milford, N. H.	50 00
Dippo Lodge, No. 48, Massilon, O	56 22
Jno. E. Bell, Chairman Relief Committee, Cincinnati, O	200 00
Armenia Lodge, No. 256, New York City	13 56
Mount Horeb Encampment, New York City	50 00
Massilon Lodge, (German) Massilon, O	12 50
Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 169, Ohio	50 00
Musketong " " 81, Newark, N. J.	25 00
Crystal " " 107, New York City	40 00
Byron " " 43, Byron, Michigan	10 00
Pontiac " " 3, Pontiac, Michigan	25 00
Wm. Stedman, D. G. M., Philadelphia, Pa	2,500 00
Newark Lodge, No. 8, New Jersey	19 00
Harmony " " 5, New Haven, Ct	100 00
City " " 3, " "	100 00
Relief Committee Worcester, Massachusetts	200 00
Joseph H. Gardiner, Grand Rep., Portsmouth, N. H.	100 00
G. B. King, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, Ontario	141 84
Grand Lodge of Indiana	125 00
" Encampment of Indiana	50 00
Total	$4,391 82

William Stedman, D. G. M., Philadelphia, Pa., $1,000 sent George Harter, Menominee, Michigan

RECEIPT OF GOODS.

Jackson Lodge, No. 4, Jackson, Michigan, Martha Lodge, No. 2, (D. Reb.) Jackson Michigan, 5 boxes goods, valued at	$500 00
John E. Bell, Chairman Relief Committee, Cin., O., large quantity household goods; four car loads came at one time, and were forwarded without breaking bulk. I am not able to estimate the value, should think from the schedule of articles at least	2,500 00
J. L. Dren, P. G. M., Boston, Massachusetts, one stove.	
Friendship Lodge, (D. Reb.) Beverly, Massachusetts, one box of clothing.	
Ladies' Relief Association of Hoboken and Jersey City, N. J., one box.	
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 19, (D. Reb.) Brooklyn, N. Y., one box clothing.	

Fraternally submitted.

F. M. FOSTER,
Grand Secretary.

RECAPITULATION.

Chicago	$131,161 62
Wisconsin	16,881 25
Michigan	8,391 82
Grand total of contributions	$156,434 69

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G. E. Jacob H. Robinson, P. G. M.....Lynchburg.

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G. E. *George Edwards*, P. G. P.....Moundsville.

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G. E. John W. Hudson, P. G. P.....Madison.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

a Thomas Wildey	Baltimore, Maryland.
b James Gettys	Georgetown, Dis. Columbia.
c George Keyser	Baltimore, Maryland.
Samuel H. Perkins	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
d Zenas B. Glazier	Wilmington, Delaware.
John A. Kennedy	New York city.
e Howell Hopkins	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Thomas Sherlock	Cincinnati, Ohio.
f Horn R. Kneass	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
g Robert H. Griffin	Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore	Washington, Dis. Columbia.
Wilmot G. De Saussure	Charleston, South Carolina.
William Ellison	Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race	New Orleans, Louisiana.
Samuel Craighead	Dayton, Ohio.
h R. B. Boylston	Winsboro, South Carolina.
J. B. Nicholson	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Isaac M. Veitch	St. Louis, Missouri.
James P. Sanders	Yonkers, New York.
E. D. Farnsworth	Nashville, Tennessee.
F. D. Stuart	Washington, Dis. Columbia.

a Died October 19, 1861.
b Died August 15, 1844.
c Died September 19, 1837.
d Died November 11, 1858.
e Died July, 1858.
f Died December 12, 1861.
g Died December 14, 1855.
h Died September 5, 1865.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1873.

Lower Provinces B. N. A.—Charles Ives, P. G.	Pictou, Nova Scotia.
Arkansas—P. O. Hooper, P. G. M.	Little Rock.
Florida—Samuel Quail, P. G.	Tallahassee.
Col. and Wyoming Ter—C. P. Elder, P. C. P.	Denver.
New Mexico—John Ritter, P. G.	Sante Fe.
Montana—D. H. Cuthbert, P. G.	Helena.
Dakota—T. J. Kinkaid, P. G.	Sioux City, Iowa.
Province of Quebec—George Varey, P. G.	Montreal.
Republic of Switzerland—C. Heinrich, P. G.	Zurich.
Empire of Prussia—Hugo Wollheim, P. G.	Berlin.
Kingdom of Wurttemberg—M. Bernheim, P. G.	Stuttgart.
Kingdom of Saxony—O. Arnoux, P. G.	Dresden.
Victoria and New Zealand—Henry Vine, P. G. M.	Melbourne, Australia.
Sandwich Islands—C. S. Barton, P. G.	Honolulu
Peru—James Pascoe	Arequipa.

LIST

Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges as far as the same has been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama meets at Mobile on the first Monday in February, 1873.

A. J. Veal, M. W. Grand Master.....Eufaula.
William A. Shields, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Mobile.

ARKANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas will meet at Little Rock the second week in January, 1873.

Peter Brugman, M. W. Grand Master.....Little Rock.
Thomas R. Welch, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of California meets on the second Tuesday in May, 1873.

A. C. Bradford, M. W. Grand Master.....San Francisco.
T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....San Francisco.

COLORADO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado will meet in Pueblo on the third Tuesday in October, 1873.

Samuel H. Bradley, M. W. Grand Master.....Black Hawk.
J. W. Ratliff, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Bald Mountain.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut meets at New Haven, unless otherwise ordered by vote of Grand Lodge, on the third Wednesday in May annually.

Alfred W. Phelps, M. W. Grand Master.....New Haven.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....P. O. Box 2015, New Haven.

DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware meets at Wilmington on the second Wednesday in October.

John L. Pierson, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington.
Isaac W. Hallam, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia meets at Washington on the second Wednesday in January, April, July and October, and in annual session on the fourth Wednesday in July.

John W. Thompson, M. W. Grand Master.....Washington.
P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary....P. O. Box 922, Georgetown, D. C.

FLORIDA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida meets at Tallahassee on the Tuesday before the 21st of June.

Robert B. Gorman, M. W. Grand Master.....Tallahassee.
J. J. Yokum, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Tallahassee.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia meets in the city of Atlanta on the second Wednesday in August, 1873.

M. R. Rogers, M. W. Grand Master.....Macon.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Macon.

ILLINOIS.

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in Springfield, beginning Tuesday, October 14, 1873.

Fredolin Bross, M. W. Grand Master.....Cairo.
Nathaniel C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Peoria.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana meets at Indianapolis in annual session on the third Tuesday in November; semi-annual, third Tuesday in May.

J. W. McQuiddy, M. W. Grand Master.....New Albany.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Indianapolis.

IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa meets at Oskaloosa October 22, 1873, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Charles G. Kietehmer, M. W. Grand Master.....Dubuque.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas meets at Emporia on the second Tuesday in October, 1873.

George W. Martin, M. W. Grand Master.....Junction City.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Leavenworth.

KENTUCKY.

John C. Underwood, M. W. Grand Master.....Bowling Green.
William White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana meets semi-annually at New Orleans on the third Tuesday in January and July.

L. F. Tower, M. W. Grand Master.....New Orleans.
F. W. Delesdernier, R. W. Grand Secretary.....New Orleans.

LOWER PROVINCES B. N. A.

James Yourston, M. W. Grand Master.....Pictou.
R. R. Barnes, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. John, New Brunswick.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine meets annually on the second Tuesday of August; the next session at Skowhegan.

George A. Callahan, M. W. Grand Master.....Lewiston.
N G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Portland.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland meets annually on the third Wednesday of April in the city of Baltimore.

William R. Creery, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore.
John Hahn, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts meets at Boston on the first Thursday in August and February.

George B. Hamlin, M. W. Grand Master.....E. Cambridge.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan meets at East Saginaw February 18th, 1873.

F. H. Rankin, M. W. Grand Master.....Flint.
F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Jackson.

MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota meets at Lake City in 1873.

E. K. Smith, M. W. Grand Master.....
Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi meets at Canton July 16, 1873.

Isaac T. Hart, M. W. Grand Master.....Woodville.
Robert B. Mayes, R. W. Grand Secretary..... .Yazoo City.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri meets annually at St. Louis on the third Tuesday of May.

M. C. Libby, M. W. Grand Master.....St. Louis.
E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska meets at Plattsmouth on the third Tuesday in October, 1873.

St. John Goodrich, M. W. Grand Master.....Omaha.
John Evans, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire will meet at Petersboro on the second Wednesday, October 8th, 1873.

Thomas L. Tibbitts, M. W. Grand Master.....Dover.
Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey meets at Trenton on the third Wednesday in November, 1872.

Charles Ellis, M. W. Grand Master.....Freehold.
Lewis Parker, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New York meets at Albany, on the Tuesday succeeding the 3d Monday in August, 1873

William Lacy, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. drawer No. 28..Albany.
Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. box 838.....New York City

NEVADA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nevada holds her next session in Carson city.
W. N. Hall, M. W. Grand Master.....Gold Hill.
F. V. Drake, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Austin.

NORTH CAROLINA.

W. J. Yopp, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington.
J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Raleigh.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio meets second Tuesday of May, 1873, at Zanesville.
William H. Sly, M. W. Grand Master.....Ripley.
William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo.

ONTARIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario meets at Stratford on the first Wednesday in August, 1873.
John Murray, M. W. Grand Master.....Clifton.
J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brantford.

OREGON.

Chester N. Terry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Salem.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, semi-annual session, at Philadelphia, third Tuesday in November, 1872, Annual session at Wilkesbarre, third Tuesday in May, 1873.
William Stedman, M. W. Grand Master, 322 Catharine street..Philadelphia.
James B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Secretary, 146 N. 6th st..Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island meets annually at Providence on the first Tuesday in August.
Allen Jencks, M. W. Grand Master.....Providence.
John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina meets on the third Wednesday in January, 1873, at Columbia.
A. J. Mims, M. W. Grand Master.....Charleston.
Robert James, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Charleston.

TENNESSEE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee meets at Nashville on the first Wednesday after the third Mondy in October, 1873.
A. M. Burney, M. W. Grand Master.....McMirmville.
R. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas meets first Tuesday in February at Galveston.
Benj. F. Christian, M. W. Grand Master.....Whitesboro.
George W. Grover, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Galveston.

VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont will meet at Rutland on the fourth Wednesday in August, 1873.
J. M. Isham, M. W. Grand Master.....Winooski.
H. M. Currier, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Brattleboro.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia meets at Richmond on the Wednesday after the second Monday in April, annually.
Marion Colbert, M. W. Grand Master.....Hampton.
William J. Reddick, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia meets fourth Tuesday in April, 1873, at Wheeling.
Wheeler Reeves, M. W. Grand Master.....Wellsburg.
Thomas G. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Fairmont.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin meets first Wednesday in December in Madison.
Myron P. Lindsey, M. W. Grand Master.....Green Bay.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison.

LIST

Of Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Encampments as far as the same has been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Alabama meets at Mobile on the 6th and 7th of February, 1873.
G. A Hippler, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Mobile.
R. E. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. box 450.....Mobile.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of California meets in San Francisco on the second Monday in May, 1873.
E. W. Bradford, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Bath.
T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Connecticut meets on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in May.
Charles A. Newell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Middletown.
Frederick Botsford, R. W. Grand Scribe.....New Haven.

DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday in April and the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in October.
Andrew L. Muir, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Wilmington.
Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe, 827 Lombard street.....Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia meets on the fourth Monday of January and July at Washington City.

Solomon Hable, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Washington.
Thomas W. Fowler, R. W. Grand Scribe, 907 5th st., N. W..Washington.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Georgia will meet in the city of Atlanta on the second Tuesday in August 1873.

John S. Tyson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Savannah.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Macon.

ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Illinois meets in Springfield on Tuesday, October 14, 1873.

R. K. Dewey, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Greenville.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Peoria.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Indiana meets in annual session on the third Tuesday in November and semi-annual session on third Tuesday in May.

Rev. W. Y. Monroe, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....North Madison.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis.

IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Iowa will meet at Oskaloosa on October 21, 1873, at 7 o'clock P. M.

S. S. Winall, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Dubuque.
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Kansas meets at Emporia on the second Tuesday in October, 1873.

F. P. Baker, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... .....Topeka.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth.

KENTUCKY.

R. L. Hornbrook, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lexington.
William White, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana meets semi-annually on the third Tuesday in January and July at New Orleans.

Frank Ffister, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New Orleans.
F. W. Delesdernier, R. W. Grand Scribe.....New Orleans.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maine meets on the Wednesday next succeeding the second Tuesday in August, 1873.

Charles C. Rich, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Portland.
N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Portland.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland meets in the city of Baltimore on the third Monday of April and October.

A. R. Maclellan, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts meets on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of August, at Boston, unless otherwise ordered.

N. S. Greenleaf, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lowell.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston.

MINNESOTA.

Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Scribe.....St. Paul.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Michigan meets at East Saginaw January 20, 1873.

L. C. Tillotson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Hillsdale.
F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Jackson.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Mississippi meets at Canton July 16, 1873.

J. S. Cain, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Okolona.
Robert B. Mayes, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Yazoo City.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri meets at St. Louis on the first Thursday after the third Tuesday in May.

E. R. Shipley, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Springfield.
R. E. McNeely, R. W. Grand Scribe, 1010 Locust street.....St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Nebraska will meet at Plattsmouth on the third Tuesday in October, 1873.

J. C. Ford, M. W. Grand Patriarch.
John Evans, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New Hampshire meets at Petersboro, on the second Wednesday, October 7, 1873.

C. P. Blanchard, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lebannon.
Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New Jersey meets at Trenton the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in November, (19th,) 1872.

James C. Stephens, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Jersey City.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe, box 611.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New York meets on the evening of the Tuesday succeeding the third Mondy in August.

Thomas Prnden, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New York City
C. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, box 838.....New York City

NORTH CAROLINA.

Richard J. Jonas, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Edcampment of Ohio will meet on the first Tuesday of May, 1873, at Circleville.

W. R. Hazlett, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Zanesville.
Joseph Dowdall, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Columbus.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....London.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania meets at Philadelphia third Monday in November, 1872, and at Wilkesbarre third Monday in May, 1873.

Augustus Pfaff, M. W. Grand Patriarch, 146 N. 6th street..Philadelphia.
James B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Scribe, 146 N. 6th street..Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island meets at Providence Monday before the first Tuesday in August.

Daniel N. Paine, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Woonsacket.
John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of South Carolina meets at Charleston on the third Tuesday in January.

J. E. Meyer, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Charleston.
J. E. Meyer, for R. W. Grand Scribe.....Charleston.

TENNESSEE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Tennessee meets at Nashville on the third Wednesday in October, 1873.

H. D. Connell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Memphis.
R. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas meets at Galveston on the first Monday in February.

J. Y. Dashiell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....San Antonio.
George W. Grover, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Galveston.

VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Vermont will meet at Rutland on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday in August, 1873.

L. W. Bingham, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Whately, Mass.
B. C. Harvey, R. W. Grand Scribe.....St. Johnsbury, Vt.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Virginia meets on the second Monday in April, 1873.

A. M. Tabb, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Portsmouth.
William J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of West Virginia meets on the fourth Tuesday in April, 1873, at Wheeling.

Cyrus Vance, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Clarksburg.
H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Wisconsin meets on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in December.

David Whitten, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Brandon.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1872.

By Rep. EARL, of Ohio, seconded by Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania; BARROWS, of Mississippi, and MILTON, of Missouri.

Amend Article XII of the constitution by adding the following:

Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at one of the cities located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then they shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held.—*Page* 5487.

By Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Reps. FUHRMANN, of Minnesota, MARIS, of Delaware, and TURNER, of Ohio:

Amend Article IX of the Constitution by inserting after the second word "standing," in the second line of section 3, "and in the possession of the Grand Lodge Degree;" and also by inserting after the word "standing," in the fourth line of the same section, "a Past Chief Patriarch, and in the possession of the Grand Encampment Degree," which will make the section of said article, when amended, to read as follows:

SECTION 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing, and in the possession of the Grand Lodge Degree. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree; be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing; a Past Chief Patriarch, and in the possession of the Grand Encampment Degree; and he must reside in the State, district or territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located. No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time. —*Page* 5488.

By Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, seconded by Reps. BARBER, of Mississippi; SIDES, of Michigan; TURNER, of Ohio; WHITE, of Nevada; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; CARTER, of Ohio.

Amend the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as follows:

Article 1, Section 1. Strike out all after the word "of," in the second line, and insert "the M. W. Grand Lodge of American Odd-Fellowship," so as to make it read as follows:

Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the M. W. Grand Lodge of American Odd-Fellowship.

Amend all other parts of the constitution and by-laws to conform with the above.—*Page* 5581.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at twelve o'clock M., and adjourn at half-past three P. M.

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree.

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

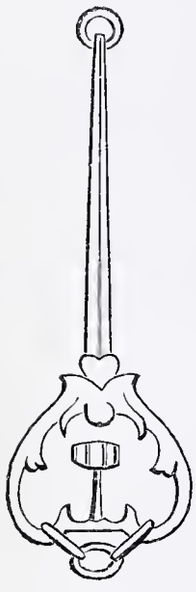
Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed fifteen copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session; and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative who has not already received the same one copy of the bound revised Journal and Digest.

Resolved, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for approval shall bear the seal of the body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the body has one) shall be returned without consideration.

ADOPTED BY THE G. L. U. S.

At the Session September, 1872.



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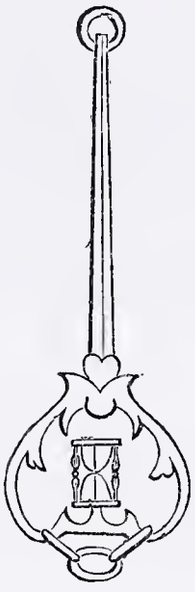

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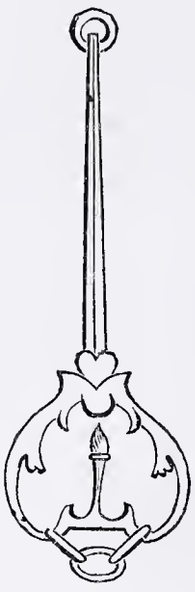

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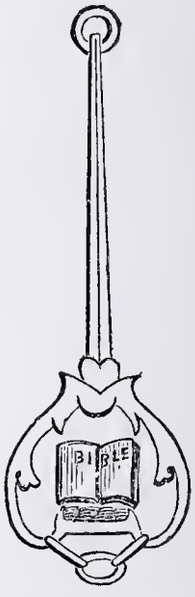

Chaplain.

EXPLANATION.

That the Jewels for Appointed Officers of Subordinate Lodges, not heretofore provided for or prescribed, shall be as follows:—

SUPPORTERS OF THE N. G., a Wand having branching arms, connected by three links, and encompassing a Gavel.

SUPPORTERS OF THE V. G , a Wand, arranged same as that of the Supporters of the N. G., encompassing an Hour Glass.

SCENE SUPPORTERS, a Wand, arranged in same manner, encompassing a Burning Torch.

CHAPLAIN, a Wand, arranged in same manner, encompassing a Bible.

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1. That the said Grand Lodge shall adhere to the written and unwritten work of the Order, as known and practiced within this jurisdiction, and shall not at any time in any wise alter or repudiate it, or any part of it.
2. The Grand Lodge of the United States reserves the right to give said "Grand Lodge of the German Empire" the A. T. P. W., to be used within its jurisdiction, and to prescribe the form of card; both jurisdictions to use the same T. P. W.
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IN MEMORIAM.

"The highest forms of heroism are those with which good men devote themselves with patient and unintermitted toil and self-sacrifice to the accomplishment of those objects which look only to the welfare of the race."—*Adams.*

"The only ambition worth following, is to alleviate human suffering, and to leave the world a little better than we found it."—*New York Tribune.*

MARSHALL C. HOLMES, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, of New Jersey, 11th May, 1872, at his residence in Trenton, N. J.

"In this death the Order mourns the loss of one of its oldest and most faithful members, whose record is a beacon light to guide those who, like him, have enlisted under the banner of Odd-Fellowship."—*Journal*, 5565.

RICHARD BRANDT, Past Grand Representative, of N. Jersey, at the advanced age of 71, in the city of Trenton; he was initiated as early as 1833, and died full of years and honors, June 4, 1872.

"He devoted much of his time to the advancement of the Order, at a period when the laborers in the vineyard were few, and had the satisfaction of seeing the tender plant grow to magnificent proportions and extend over every part of the State."—*Journal*, 5565.

FRANK R. FORCE, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, of New Jersey, during the past year, at Newark.

"Through many years he was a constant worker in the cause, always animated by the most untiring spirit."—*Journal*, 5566.

EDWARD P. GEERISH, Past Grand Representative, of Maine, at his home in Portland, Maine, 25th November, 1871.

"He continued faithful and earnest in the discharge of his duties to our beloved Order, to the end."—*Journal*, 5565.

IN MEMORIAM.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, of Maine, at Portland, Maine, 7th August, 1872, in the 56th year of his age.

"With him Odd-Fellowship was not a mere sentiment, but a principle, which he exemplified in the duties of every-day life; he has left behind a bright and almost peerless record."—*Journal*, 5567.

STEPHEN H. SIMES, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, of New Hampshire, at Portsmouth, N. H., December 3, 1871, in the 70th year of his age.

"He was a kind parent, upright citizen, and an honest man."—*Journal*, 5567.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, of Maryland, on the 12th day of July, 1872, at his residence in the city of Baltimore, at the ripe age of 73.

Brother MATHIOT was one of the three last surviving members of Washington Lodge, No. 1, of the past generation, and was contemporary with Wildey. Initiated in 1822, "to the last day of his life he continued at labor in the Order, with unabated zeal, and might be seen, notwithstanding his advanced years, in Washington Lodge, taking an active part, in the Grand Lodge of the State, and in the Grand and Subordinate Encampments, of which he was a member, and on such committees to which he might be assigned."—*Journal*, 5569.

JOHN BOYD, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at his residence, Baltimore, Md., during the year 1871, at the advanced age of 80 years.

Brother BOYD was one of the pioneers in Odd-Fellowship in America, being the seventeenth in the order of membership in Washington Lodge in 1819. "He continued a faithful member of the Order to the close of his long and eventful life."—*Journal*, 5570.

JAMES YOUNG, Past Grand Representative, of Maryland, after a short illness, at his home and in the midst of his family, 6th March, 1872, in the 59th year of his age.

"He was essentially a working Odd-Fellow; the records of the Order, in Maryland, bear ample evidence of years of his labor, well and faithfully devoted to its service; upon the assembling of the Grand Lodge of the United States he was ever among the first to greet its members with an open hand and heart and kindly welcome."—*Journal*, 5571.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN SESSFORD, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, of District of Columbia, on the 2d day of June, 1872, at his home in the city of Washington, after a continuous service in the Order of thirty-five years.

"The star is not extinguished when it sets
Upon the dull horizon: it but goes
To shine in other skies, then reappear
In ours, as fresh as when it first arose."

—*Journal*, 5572.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON, JR., Past Grand Representative, of Delaware, on the 14th January, 1872, at Wilmington, Delaware.

"His excellent moral and social standing in the community and in the Order, justly secured for him the universal respect and admiration of all who knew him."—*Journal*, 5572.

JOHN H. SIMMONS, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, of Vermont, on the 20th day of December, 1871, at his home in Middlebury, Vermont, at the age of fifty years.

"Long will his memory be cherished by his brethren, as a faithful officer, devoted friend and true Odd-Fellow."—*Journal*, 5573.

WILLIAM P. RUSSELL, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, of Vermont, during the past year, at Middleburg, Vermont.

"He was a colaborer in the promotion of the benevolent designs of Odd-Fellowship with Bro. SIMMONS; faithful in every thing, they were not long separated in their deaths, only a month intervening between their passage to that 'bourne from whence no traveller e're returns.'"—*Journal*, 5574.

MILTON HERNDON, Past Deputy Grand Sire and Past Grand Representative of Indiana, on the 3d of June, 1872, at his home, Crawfordsville, Indiana, aged 70 years, 8 months, 13 days.

"To such an extent had he engrafted himself in the hearts of his brethren, that no position, from the lowest to the highest in our Order, that he wished, but it was bestowed upon him; and so true to his obligations as an Odd-Fellow, that wherever placed, he acquitted himself with distinction, never failing to call forth from his associates the plaudit 'well done.'"—*Journal*, 5575.

JOSEPH B. FROST, Past Grand Representative, of Massachusetts, at his native place, Marblehead, Mass., on the 19th day of September, 1872.

"His last hours were made happier by the kindly ministrations of devoted brethren, and he died blessing the noble Order in which he had labored long and faithfully."—*Journal*, 5576.